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## Reference code

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## Title

SADAA: Amrit & Rabindra Kaur Singh Collection

## Dates of creation

1999 - 2004

## Level of description

Collection

## Extent

2 Folders (0.5 box)

## Name of creator

Amrit Kaur Singh & Rabindra Kaur Singh

## Administrative/biographical history

Amrit and Rabindra Kaur Singh are twin sisters, and award winning painters, whose use of traditional Indian miniature portraiture techniques is influenced by contemporary British politics and culture. Born in Richmond, Surrey to parents originally from India, the family moved to and settled in the Wirral when the twins were seven were seven years old. The twins later studied Contemporary Western Art at Liverpool University College of Chester.

Known and celebrated as one artist, and collectively known as the Singh Twins or The Twins, their work is characterised by a bright palette, intricate design and modern themes. Key exhibitions and roles include a solo show at the National Gallery of Modern Art, New Dehli 2002, a major retrospective at the Walker Gallery in Liverpool in 2005 and being appointed Official Artists in Residence at the Manchester Commonwealth Games 2002 and contributing to Liverpool City of Culture from 2006-2008.

## Immediate source of acquisition

The collection was deposited as part of the SADAA (formerly SALIDAA).

## Scope and content

The collection consists in part of print outs of biographical information supplied by the artists. Additionally there are two published books, *Twin Perspectives* and *Bindhu's Wedding*, which is written and illustrated by Amrit and Rabindra Kaur Singh. Lastly, a CD rom, which has several files on interviews, biographical material and individual works.

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## **Accruals**

Collection is complete, but further acquisitions are possible.

## **System of arrangement**

Numbered folders

## **Access conditions**

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## **The Language of material**

English

## **Physical characteristics**

Books, catalogues and print outs in good condition. CD Rom needs suitable computer access.

## **Finding aids**

A finding aid is available for the manuscript material.

## **Archivist's note**

Described by Joanne McPhie with amendments by Katie Flanagan.

## **Rules or conventions**

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## **Date(s) of description**

October 2013

## **Indexing**

### **Persons**

Deal, John

Kaur Singh, Amrit

Kaur Singh, Rabindra

Rapp, Karen

Singh Twins

### **Corporate bodies**

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Riverside Art Museum, California

SADAA (SALIDAA)

Sweeney Art Gallery

The Sikh Foundation

### **Subjects**

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