

## **AUCTION TO HONOR UMBRELLA'S 25<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY AND TO BENEFIT UCLA ARTS LIBRARY**

An auction will be held in the spring of 2003 for the benefit of the Artist Books Fund at the UCLA Arts Library. An extraordinary collection, holdings in the Arts Library include works by luminaries in the field as well as contemporary cutting edge artists. Money raised from the auction will support the processing, conservation, and preservation of the renowned collection, as well as exhibitions, lecture series, workshops, and panel discussions of artist books. It will also allow the Arts Library to sponsor real-time and virtual exhibitions, providing international access to artist book exhibitions and events.

The UCLA Arts Library began collecting artist books in 1985, when it made the first of two large purchases of books from the collection of Los Angeles collector, Judith A. Hoffberg. With the core of the collection from Hoffberg, along with a significant number of books from retired UCLA professor, Robert Heineken, the artist book collection at the Arts Library has grown through donations and purchases, making it one of the most significant public collections in the country. The building of the collection continues today with particular attention paid to artist books as agents of social change, the book as a conceptual space, and artist books that pay self-conscious attention to book structure. Scholars, students and book artists come from all over to study and explore.

The genesis of the Artist Books Fund began with a conversation with Judith Hoffberg, whose artist book publication, *Umbrella*, is reaching its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary next year. In celebration of this milestone event, Hoffberg wanted to do something significant. In her words, "I would like everyone to help make accessible the whole collection to interested scholars, new students, and to the artist book community. This would help so much to make it a realized goal. Being the largest collection of artist books on the West Coast, it is necessary to make it available." The Arts Library at UCLA was thrilled and delighted at the news.

The auction will be held in Los Angeles and conducted by PBA Galleries, a rare book auction house. The auction will include artist books and works on paper. Those individuals who are interested in donating material to the auction should contact Cameron Whiteman of PBA Galleries at (310)428-0849. Anyone who would like to make a direct donation to the Artist Books Fund are welcome to send checks to the office of UCLA Library Development, 21520 Charles E. Young Research Library, Box 951575, Los Angeles, CA 90095-1575. Checks should be made out to the UCLA Foundation with the words "Artist Books Fund" noted on the memo line. Credit card donations are also welcome and can be made by calling the UCLA Library Development office at (310)206-8526.

