

Description:

Australian Visual Arts Database is comprised of 4 databases, which are **NATSIVAD**, **ARTEX**, **AustArt** and **ARIADNE**.

NATSIVAD

The National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Visual Artists Database represents some 5,500 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists. The first edition of the database was published electronically in 1991, listing some 1300 artists.

The current edition, in addition to including many more artists, also contains more information on each artist.

ARTEX

Australian Art Exhibition Catalogues 1990-1995.

An index to 3,973 Australian art exhibition catalogues published since January 1990. All exhibition catalogues published in Australia since 1990 and catalogues of exhibitions of Australian art held outside Australia. While every attempt is made to obtain catalogues for inclusion, it is acknowledged that the index is not complete.

AustArt Index

Mainly covers journal issues published since 1988. Updated monthly. Also provides access to articles, exhibition reviews and reproductions of work by Australian artists and by overseas artists who have exhibited in Australia. Most material is published in Australia, however overseas journals will be indexed when they include information on Australian art.

ARIADNE

An updated version of the publication *Indexing the visual arts in Australia: a survey* which was compiled in 1991. Its purpose is to assist researchers locate information about the visual arts in Australia and New Zealand. 'Visual arts' was broadly interpreted to include film and the performing arts where relevant.

Licensing

This database has a single concurrent user licence.

To connect:

- Select *The Electronic Journal*
- Select *Journal & Reference Databases*
- Select *A* in the **alphabetic list** which appears on the next page
- Select **AVAD 5**
- When the AVAD screen appears, click on **Connect**. This will take you to *Discovery Media's Art Right Now* site
- Select **AVAD 5**

Searching the database:

To search one of the databases (e.g. *AustArt Index*),

- Click on the link.
- The **Login Name and Password** are available from the staff at the Information Desk.
- After entering these, click on *Login me in*, and then the database you wish to search.
- You can now search the database by entering your search terms in the Search boxes displayed on the screen; filling in more than one box will allow you to narrow your search.

Sample Search:

To find articles on sculpture (in an Australian context), type *sculpture* in the *Subject* search box, and click on *Search*. The results of your search will then be displayed on the screen; clicking on **detail** will display the citation for that article, and a subject entry.

You will not get the full text of the article from these databases, and they will not tell you whether the library holds the particular journal: you will need to do a Journal Title Search on NEWCAT to retrieve this information and the *call number* of the journal, so you can access the article on the shelves.

Printing:

You can print the whole list, or individual references, by clicking on the Print button in the toolbar at the top of the screen.

It is not possible to download material from these databases.