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Biographical / Historical

Jeffrey Cyphers Wright is an artist, critic, eco-activist, impresario, editor and publisher, and is best known as a poet, associated with New Romanticism and the New York School.

His family moved frequently while he was growing up; he lived in Delaware, then moved to Buckhannon, West Virginia from age 6 until age 13. He then spent a year each in England; Buckhannon, WV; Fairfax, VA; Ann Arbor, MI; and Flagstaff, AZ. In 1972, he came to Morgantown, WV, and received a B.A. in English from West Virginia University in 1974. He spent some time during college summers and after graduation working in book sales in the South before a brief stint in a public administration program. He moved to New York City in 1976 and has lived and worked there since. He received his MFA in Poetry from Brooklyn College where he studied with Allen Ginsberg and also taught. He served on the Poetry Project Board of Directors at St. Mark's Church and taught there as well. In 1978 he started Hard Press, which published postcards by artists and poets. From 1987 to 2000 he ran Cover Magazine, the Underground National. The magazine's archives are in the Fales Library and Special Collections at New York University. During this time, he also served on the Board at Mason Gross School of the Arts.

Wright is the author of 20 books of verse, including most recently Fuel for Love! which won the James Tate Award, and Doppelgänger! from MadHat Press. Other titles include Blue Lyre! from Dos Madres Press, Party Everywhere! from Xanadu Press, Radio Poems! from The Operating System, and Fake Lies! from Fell Swoop. He also contributes criticism regularly to American Book Review and ArtNexus. His poems have appeared in a variety of journals and anthologies. Wright received a Kathy Acker Award in 2021 was artist-in-residence at Howl! Happening. As of 2024, he produces literary events and co-publishes with Lori Ortiz and Ilka Scobie an annual art and poetry journal Live Mag!.

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Scope and Contents

Publications and other material by poet Jeffrey Cyphers Wright.

Original accession includes six copies of books of poetry by Wright, all signed by the author (1981-2017) and two issues of Live Mag! journal of art and poetry (2018). There is also ephemera, including notices for events involving Wright's work (2016-2017) and poetry postcards printed by Hard Press (1977-1978, undated).

Addendum of 2020-2023 includes publications of Wright's work, postcards from Hard Press, correspondence, flyers, photographs, and the Acker Award box from 2018. Publications include Live Mag! issues (the covers of which were designed by Wright), Cover Magazine, the Underground National issues, and assorted poetry books, booklets, zines, and anthologies that feature Wright's writing or editing. Also includes Cover Magazine-related photos and cover proofs. Correspondence includes correspondence to and from Jayne Anne Phillips, as well as a poetry manuscript between Wright and Phillips. Also includes some of the published poetry of people who Wright worked with and who influenced his work.

Addendum of 2024 April 09 includes assorted publications and reviews of Wright's work and of his colleagues' and collaborators' work, correspondence, photographs taken for covers of Cover Mag, and other material. Also included is a shirt created by Wright as part of the Occupy Wall Street movement.

Addendum of 2025 May 23 includes a copy of LiveMag 21 and an issue of Rain Taxi with a review written by Wright.

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