# **ART HISTORY - DADA**









#### **ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE**

- Dadaism is an artistic movement in modern art that started around World War I
- Its purpose was to ridicule the meaninglessness of the modern world
- Its peak was 1916 to 1922, and it influenced surrealism, pop art, and punk rock.
- It went against the standards of society
- Dadaism began gaining popularity around Western Europe specifically in Berlin and Zurich
- Dadaism is also associated with the concepts of the grotesque, the absurd, and the macabre that were communicated through the arts slightly later in the twentieth century

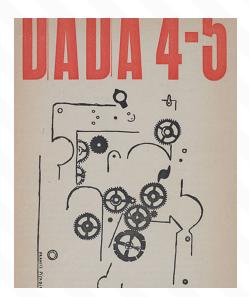
'CREATIVITY IS THAT
MARVELLOUS
CAPACITY TO
GRASP MUTUALLY
DISTINCT REALITIES
AND DRAW A
SPARK FROM THEIR
JUXTAPOSITION.'

Max Ernst

### **KEY ARTISTS AND IDEAS**







Marcel Duchamp

Raoul Hausmann

Francis Picabia

# MARCEL DUCHAMP

One of Europe's most radical 20th century painters, and a founder of Junk Art, Duchamp's first outstanding if controversial work was "Nude Descending a Staircase, No. 2" (1912)

## RAOUL HAUSMANN

Raoul Hausmann was a leading member of the satirical and highly political Berlin branch of Dada, where in 1918 he pioneered the technique of photomontage

### FRANCIS PICABIA

After the war, Picabia became a convinced Dadaist: first in Zurich alongside Tristan Tzara, then in Paris

#### **CONTEMPORARY ARTIST - YOKO ONO**

- Known for her experimental art, music, filmmaking, and feminism
- Married to John Lennon from The Beatles
- In the '60s and '70s Ono was associated with the Fluxus movement—a loose group of avant-garde Dada inspired artists
- She continues to produce work and make headlines today

