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The archive spans six decades of reporting on art in all media, from painting, sculpture, and installation through body art, video/audio art, and performance art. Artforum contains features, reviews, and interviews relating to artists, exhibitions, publications, and other aspects of the art world. It has notably published original art, photography, and essays by major practitioners, such as Robert Smithson, Jasper Johns, Nan Goldin, Laurie Anderson, Bruce Conner, and Robert Mapplethorpe. It has equally been renowned throughout its history for featuring leading critics, many of whom – for example, Michael Fried and Barbara Rose – wrote for the magazine early in their careers.

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• Article-level indexing with color page images and searchable text
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• Comprises six decades of reporting on art in all media, from painting, sculpture, and installation, through to body art, video/audio art, and performance art
• Approximately 150,000 pages
• Cover to cover scanning in color

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