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# FUTURISM, DADAISM, AND (COMMODITY) FETISH: Futurism's and Dadaism's Popular Mechanics

- I. Futurist Programs
  - A. Approaching the Great War: "...the world's only hygiene"
    - 1) Marinetti in *le Figaro*, Paris, 20 February 1909
    - 2) D'Annunzio's flights over Trieste (winter 1915-16)
    - 3) Irredentism, "parole in Liberta," and fascist nationalism
  - B. Speed, dynamism, and simultaneity
- II. Dadas at large
  - A. A tale of many cities: Zurich, Berlin, New York, Hannover, Barcelona...
  - B. Tactics Performance, journalism, political agitation or art object?
    - 1) Performance (1916-19, Hugo Ball, Tristan Tzara)
    - 2) From collage to *montage* (1919-40s, Hoch, Heartfield)
    - 3) "Dada Messe" (1920) Int'l Dada Fair, a new kind of market?
    - 4) Euro-Dada in exile; art objects / environments (1920s-40s, Schwitters)
- III. Dada in New York
  - A. Picabia 1913 visit (Armory Show), 1915 visit (AWOL), 1917 visit on the day US entered the war
  - B. Duchamp 1915 to New York, helps found "Societé Anonyme" (a first, private, Museum of Modern Art) in 1920, back and forth between NY and Paris in the 20s, "stops making art" in 1930s (Surrealist exhibitions), moves permanently to US in 40s, lionized in 1960s as "Dada-daddy," in 1980s as "father" of Postmodernism
  - C. Man Ray American-born, chooses "internal exile" from New Jersey, finally emigrates to Paris 1920s
  - D. Crucial "invisibles:" the Baroness Elsa, Katherine Sophie Dreier, the Arensbergs

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## Slide List (selected) for 7:2

unless specified, works are oil on canvas

#### **Futurism**

Carlo Carrá, Absinthe Drinker, 1911 (oil)

Filippo Tommasso Marinetti, "A Tumultuous Assembly," Les mots en liberte futuristes, 1919 (poem)

Marinetti Parole in Liberta, 1932 (poem)

Carra, Interventionist Demonstration 1914 (collage)

Giacomo Balla, The Worker's Day, 1904/07

Balla, The Street Light, 1909

Balla, Speeding Automobile, 1912

Anton Bragaglia, Fotodynamic Portrait, 1911 (photograph)

Bragaglia, Typist, 1911("Photodynamic" photograph)

Umberto Boccioni, Unique Forms of Continuity in Space, 1913 (bronze)

Gino Severini, Soldier in the Trench, 1915 (drawing)

#### **Dadaism**

Tristan Tzara, Cabaret Voltaire May 15, 1916 (program)

Raoul Hausmann, Phonetic Poem 1918 (poem)

"Hugo Ball in Cubist Costume, reciting "Caravan" at Cabaret Voltaire, 1916 (documentary photograph)

"Fancy Dresses on a poem by Hugo Ball," 1918 (documentary photograph)

Hausmann, <u>Dada-Kino</u> 1920 (collage, photomontage)

Hausmann, The Spirit of our Time, 1921 (assemblage)

Hannah Hoch, Man and Machine 1921 (watercolor)

Hoch, Cut with The Kitchen Knife through the Weimar Belly, 1919 (collage, photomontage)

Hoch, The Beautiful Girl, 1920

Johann Herzfeld/ John Heartfield, Heartfield and Police Commissioner Zorgiebel, 1929 (photomontage)

Heartfield, Adolf the Superman: Swallows Gold and Spews Junk, 1932 (printed photomontage)

Kurt Schwitters, Merz Drawing, 1919 (collage)

Schwitters, <u>Ur-Sonate</u> 1923-32 (typescript for sound-poem, recorded on grammophone 1924)

Schwitters, Merzbau, (Hannover version), 1923-1936 (altered architecture, destroyed)

Francis Picabia, City of New York Seen Across the Body, 1913 watercolor

Picabia, <u>Fille née sans mΠre (girl born without a mother)</u>, 1913 or 1915 ink drawing, later repro'd as photolithograph

Marcel Duchamp (ne Duchamp-Villon), Bride, 1912

Picabia, Portrait of an American girl in a state of nudity, 1915, photolithograph

Morton Schamberg and Elsa von Freytag-Loringhoven, <u>God</u>, 1918 assemblage (plumbing and miter-box)

Duchamp and Man Ray, Portrait of Rrose Selavy, 1920-21 photograph

Duchamp, Nude Descending a Staircase, (No. 2) 1912

Duchamp, The Bachelor Grinds his Chocolate Himself, 1913 ink drawing

Duchamp, The Bride Stripped Bare by her Bachelors, Even (The Large Glass), 1915-1923 mixed media

Man Ray (ne Emmanuel Radnitsky), Ridgefield Gazook, 1915 photolithographic magazine

Ray, Admiration of the Orchestrelle, 1919, airbrushed oil on canvas

Ray, Rayograph, 1923 negative-less photograph

Ray, The Enigma of Isidore Ducasse 1920 photograph

Duchamp, In Advance of the Broken Arm, 1915, 1945, 1965, and so on (readymade)

Duchamp, Fountain, 1917 "porcelain"....readymade

Ray, Black and White 1926

Duchamp, Étant Donnés: 1º La Chute D'eau 2º Le Gaz D'éclairage (Given: 1. The Waterfall, 2. The Illuminating Gas), 1946-1966, mixed media construction: "consists of an old wooden door, bricks, velvet, twigs gathered by Duchamp on his walks in the park, leather stretched over a metal armature of a female form, glass, linoleum, an electric motor, etc."