

Ida Kar:

A Preliminary Inventory of Her Photographic Prints at the Harry Ransom Humanities Research Center

Descriptive Summary

Creator:	Kar, Ida, 1908-1974
Title:	Ida Kar Photographic Prints
Dates:	1953-1964
Extent:	124 gelatin silver prints
Abstract:	The collection contains 124 portrait photographs by Kar, featuring prominent men and women associated with the arts. Kar's subjects include painters, sculptors, authors, poets, playwrights, composers, and museum directors. Photographs of Kar by other photographers are also present in the collection.
Access:	Open for research

Administrative Information

Acquisition:	Purchase, 1964 (Gernsheim Collection)
Processed by:	Mary Alice Harper, 2000
Repository:	Harry Ransom Humanities Research Center, University of Texas at Austin

Sources:

Kar, Ida. *An exhibition of portraits of artists and writers in Great Britain, France and the Soviet Union; and other photographs held at the Whitechapel Art Gallery, London, March-April 1960*. London: Whitechapel Art Gallery, 1960.

Vines, Alan. "Artist With a Camera," *The British Journal of Photography*. March 16, 1962. pp. 200-203.

Scope and Contents

The Ida Kar collection of photographic prints is comprised of 124 gelatin silver prints dating from 1953 to 1964. The collection consists largely of portrait photographs featuring prominent men and women associated with the arts, including painters, sculptors, authors, poets, playwrights, composers, and museum directors. The collection is subdivided into four lots: Loose prints, 1953-1962 (37 items); Exhibition prints from *Ida Kar: Artist with a camera*, 1953-1962 (77 items); Loose prints of the Whitechapel Art Gallery (London) exhibition in situ, 1960 (6 items); and Photographs of Ida Kar by other photographers, 1960-1964 (4 items).

Comprising over half the collection is a group of oversize, mounted exhibition prints by Kar from a show, titled *Ida Kar: Artist with a camera*, held at The University of Texas' Art Museum in October and November of 1966. These photographs, with the exception of 12, are from a series of limited edition prints Kar selected for her Whitechapel exhibition. These photographs capture Kar's signature style of photographing her subjects in their familiar surroundings relying largely on the natural light of the location, as well as her belief "that a picture naturally dictates its right size and shape" whether that be 20 × 24 inches or over 6 feet. Kar photographed the majority of her subjects in Great Britain, but she captured 21 in France and an additional 12 in the USSR. Notable sitters include Henry Moore, Somerset Maugham, T. S. Eliot, Brendan Behan, Noel Coward, Cecil Beaton, Man Ray, Marc Chagall, Georges Braque, Hans Arp, Le Corbusier, Alberto Giacometti, and Jean-Paul Sartre among others.

The following item list is arranged by accession number. Titles were taken from print versos (when present), from Gernsheim's inventory (Inventory 16, Contemporary Photographers), or from exhibition inventories. A subject index, sorted alphabetically by surname, is featured at the end of this inventory.

Scholars seeking additional information on Ida Kar will find several published sources, as well as Helmut Gernsheim's notes and clippings, in the Photography Collection.

Series Descriptions

Exhibition prints from *Ida Kar: Artist with a camera* , 1953-1962

Items marked with an asterisk were originally exhibited at the Whitechapel Art Gallery (London) in April, 1960.

Loose prints, 1953-1962

- 964:0081:0001 Gino Severini 1954 **Extent:** gelatin silver print 19.2 x 24.6 cm. **Box**
6G:LP:Kar,
I. Box 1
- 964:0081:0002 Gino Severini 1954 **Extent:** gelatin silver print 24.8 x 27.6
cm.
- 964:0081:0003 Georges Braque 1960 **Extent:** gelatin silver print 29.1 x
25.5 cm.
- 964:0081:0004 Barbara Hepworth [in her garden, St. Ives- large] 1961 July
Extent: gelatin silver print 30 x 24.8 cm.
- 964:0081:0005 Barbara Hepworth [in her garden, St. Ives- small] [1961
July] **Extent:** gelatin silver print 23 x 19.8 cm.
- 964:0081:0006 Barbara Hepworth 1961 July **Extent:** gelatin silver print 28.3 x 25.1
cm. **Box**
6G:LP:I-N
Large Box
- 964:0081:0007 Augustus John 1959 **Extent:** gelatin silver print 22.6 x 29 cm. **Box**
6G:LP:Kar,
I. Box 1
- 964:0081:0008 [Tsugouharu] Foujita 1954 **Extent:** gelatin silver print 24.5
x 19.8 cm.
- 964:0081:0009 Ossip Zadkine, sculptor 1954 **Extent:** gelatin silver print 30
x 25.1 cm.
- 964:0081:0010 Epstein sculpting Bertrand Russell 1953 **Extent:** gelatin
silver print 24.5 x 30.3 cm.
- 964:0081:0011 Man Ray 1954 **Extent:** gelatin silver print 30 x 25.4 cm.
- 964:0081:0012 Kenneth Armitage [small] 1954 **Extent:** gelatin silver print
25 x 19.6 cm.
- 964:0081:0013 Kenneth Armitage [large] 1954 **Extent:** gelatin silver print
30 x 25.4 cm.
- 964:0081:0014 Eugene Ionesco 1960 **Extent:** gelatin silver print 29.3 x 24.3
cm.
- 964:0081:0015 [Alberto] Giacometti 1954 **Extent:** gelatin silver print 30.1
x 25.7 cm.

964:0081:0016 William Scott 1961 Sept. **Extent:** gelatin silver print 24.9 x 28.7 cm.

964:0081:0017 [Dmitrii] Shostakovich 1959 **Extent:** gelatin silver print 30 x 25.5 cm.

Box
6G:LP:Kar,
I. Box 2

964:0081:0018 Marc Chagall [mounted] 1954 **Extent:** gelatin silver print 38.8 x 48.2 cm.

Box
6G:LP:I-N
Large Box

964:0081:0019 Marc Chagall [unmounted] 1954 **Extent:** gelatin silver print 24.7 x 30 cm.

Box
6G:LP:Kar,
I. Box 2

964:0081:0020 Henry Moore in his studio 1954 **Extent:** gelatin silver print 39 x 43.9 cm.

Box
6G:LP:I-N
Large Box

964:0081:0021 Moyano (Chilean painter at marbled door) 1955 **Extent:** gelatin silver print 49.9 x 39.2 cm.

964:0081:0022 John Bratby 1959 **Extent:** gelatin silver print 49.2 x 40.1 cm.

964:0081:0023 Cecil Beaton 1960 **Extent:** gelatin silver print 56.8 x 50.7 cm.

964:0081:0024 Somerset Maugham 1958 **Extent:** gelatin silver print 50.7 x 40.5 cm.

964:0081:0025 Helmut Gernsheim [looking up; face shot] 1962 Jan. 13 **Extent:** gelatin silver print 29.4 x 24.7 cm.

Box
6G:LP:Kar,
I. Box 2

964:0081:0026 Helmut Gernsheim [looking up; face shot] 1962 Jan. 13 **Extent:** gelatin silver print 29.7 x 25 cm.

964:0081:0027 Helmut Gernsheim (in our flat) [3/4 right profile taken at an angle] 1962 Jan. 13 **Extent:** gelatin silver print 30.1 x 24.2 cm.

964:0081:0028 Helmut Gernsheim (in our flat) [3/4 right profile] 1962 Jan. 13 **Extent:** gelatin silver print 30 x 24.9 cm.

964:0081:0029 Helmut Gernsheim (in our flat) [with pipe; face shot] 1962 Jan. 13 **Extent:** gelatin silver print 29.9 x 24.5 cm.

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964:0081:0030 Helmut Gernsheim (in our flat) [seated in chair; 3/4 right profile] 1962 Jan. 13 **Extent:** gelatin silver print 24.4 x 24.5 cm.

964:0081:0031 Helmut Gernsheim (in our flat) [seated in chair] 1962 Jan. 13 **Extent:** gelatin silver print 23.7 x 24.2 cm.

964:0081:0032 Helmut Gernsheim [holding a mask; bust] 1962 Jan. 13 **Extent:** gelatin silver print 24.5 x 29.8 cm.

964:0081:0033 Edouardo Poalozzi [sic, Eduardo Paolozzi], sculptor 1959 **Extent:** gelatin silver print 30.1 x 25.6 cm.

964:0081:0034 Lynn Chadwick 1954 **Extent:** gelatin silver print 30.2 x 25.6 cm.

964:0081:0035 Jean-Paul Sartre 1961 **Extent:** gelatin silver print 30.7 x 26 cm.

964:0081:0036 Ivon Hitchens, painter 1954 **Extent:** gelatin silver print 29.9 x 25.3 cm.

964:0081:0037 Caricature [of Ida Kar] by C. Stephanyan Yerevan 1957 **Extent:** gelatin silver print 29.3 x 24.2 cm.

Exhibition prints from *Ida Kar: Artist with a camera* , 1953-1962

964:0364:0001 Reg. Butler, sculptor* [1954] **Extent:** gelatin silver print 136 x 97.9 cm.
Location: 6F:Closet

964:0364:0002 Cecil Beaton, photographer* [1960] **Extent:** gelatin silver print 97.9 x 106.8 cm. **Location:** 6F:Closet

964:0364:0003 Leonid Leonov, writer* [1959] **Extent:** gelatin silver print 109.4 x 96.7 cm.
Location: 6F:Closet

964:0364:0004 Eugene Ionesco, writer* [1960] **Extent:** gelatin silver print 111.9 x 91.6 cm.
Location: 6F:Closet

964:0364:0005 Andre Breton, poet* [1960] **Extent:** gelatin silver print 96.5 x 127.2 cm.
Location: 6F:Closet

964:0364:0006 Brendan Behan, playwright* [1959] **Extent:** gelatin silver print 76.4 x 99.2 cm.
Location: 6G:SW

964:0364:0007 Sir Stanley Spencer, painter* [1954] **Extent:** gelatin silver print 101.8 x 76.4 cm. **Location:** 6F:Closet

964:0364:0008 Graham Sutherland, painter* [1954] **Extent:** gelatin silver print 97.9 x 139.7 cm. **Location:** 6F:Closet

964:0364:0009 Horacio Moyano Navarro, painter* [1955?] **Extent:** gelatin silver print 96.7 x 66.2 cm. **Location:** 6F:Closet

964:0364:0010 Ivon Hitchens, painter* [1954] **Extent:** gelatin silver print 141.1 x 99.2 cm.
Location: 6F:Closet

964:0364:0011 Hans Arp, sculptor nd. **Extent:** gelatin silver print 101.8 x 99.2 cm. **Location:** 6F:Closet

964:0364:0012 Sir John Rothenstein, Director, Tate Gallery, London* [1960] **Extent:** gelatin silver print 96.7 x 106.7 cm. **Location:** 6G:SW

964:0364:0013 Gino Severini, painter* [1954] **Extent:** gelatin silver print 94.1 x 127.2 cm.
Location: 6G:SW

964:0364:0014 Alexander Weatherson, painter* [1959] **Extent:** gelatin silver print 94 x 76.4 cm. **Location:** 6F:Closet

964:0364:0015 Barbara Hepworth, sculptress [1961?] **Extent:** gelatin silver print 125.9 x 91.6 cm. **Location:** 6F:Closet

964:0364:0016 N. Tomsy [sic, Tomskii], sculptor* [1959] **Extent:** gelatin silver print 117 x 98 cm. **Location:** 6G:SW

964:0364:0017 Eduardo Paolozzi, sculptor* [1959] **Extent:** gelatin silver print 91.6 x 76.4 cm. **Location:** 6F:Closet

964:0364:0018 Victor Pasmore, painter* [1954] **Extent:** gelatin silver print 114.3 x 99.2 cm. **Location:** 6F:Closet

964:0364:0019 Elizabeth [sic, Elisabeth] Frink, sculptress* [1956] **Extent:** gelatin silver print 81.4 x 89.1 cm. **Location:** 6F:Closet

964:0364:0020 Nikogos Nikogossian, sculptor* [1957] **Extent:** gelatin silver print 96.7 x 76.4 cm. **Location:** 6F:Closet

964:0364:0021 Kenneth Armitage, sculptor* [1954] **Extent:** gelatin silver print 94 x 76.4 cm. **Location:** 6F:Closet

964:0364:0022 Ossipe [sic, Ossip] Zadkine, sculptor* [1954] **Extent:** gelatin silver print 122.1 x 99.2 cm. **Location:** 6F:Closet

964:0364:0023 Tsugouhara [sic, Tsugouharu] Foujita, painter* [1954] **Extent:** gelatin silver print 50.8 x 61 cm. **Location:** 6F:Closet

964:0364:0024 F. N. Souza, painter* [1958] **Extent:** gelatin silver print 96.7 x 76.4 cm. **Location:** 6F:Closet

964:0364:0025 Jack Smith, painter* [1959] **Extent:** gelatin silver print 76.4 x 99.2 cm. **Location:** 6F:Closet

964:0364:0026 Georges Braque, painter* [1960] **Extent:** gelatin silver print 91.6 x 97.9 cm. **Location:** 6F:Closet

964:0364:0027 Ilya [sic, Il'ia] Ehrenburg, writer* [1959] **Extent:** gelatin silver print 97.9 x 96.7 cm. **Location:** 6F:Closet

964:0364:0028 C. Obraztov, master of puppets* [1959] **Extent:** gelatin silver print 121.9 x 97.9 cm. **Location:** 6F:Closet

964:0364:0029 Ernst Neizvestny [sic, Neizvestnyi], sculptor nd. **Extent:** gelatin silver print 66 x 66.2 cm. **Location:** 6F:Closet

964:0364:0030 Helmut Gernsheim, author, and founder [of the Gernsheim Collection] [1962 Jan. 13] **Extent:** gelatin silver print 51 x 61.1 cm. **Location:** 6G:SW

964:0364:0031 Ara Harutunian, sculptor* [1957] **Extent:** gelatin silver print 53.3 x 42.1 cm. **Location:** 6F:Closet

964:0364:0032 T. S. Eliot, poet nd. **Extent:** gelatin silver print 52.4 x 39.5 cm. **Location:** 6F:Closet

964:0364:0033 Jacques Villon, painter* [1954] **Extent:** gelatin silver print 55.4 x 63.7 cm. **Location:** 6F:Closet

964:0364:0034 Stanley William Hayter, engraver and painter* [1960] **Extent:** gelatin silver print 50.8 x 61 cm. **Location:** 6F:Closet

964:0364:0035 Jean-Paul Sartre, philosopher, dramatist, novelist nd. **Extent:** gelatin silver print 53.5 x 51 cm. **Location:** 6F:Closet

964:0364:0036 S. Zafran, painter nd. **Extent:** gelatin silver print 76.2 x 25.9 cm. **Location:** 6F:Closet

964:0364:0037 Ronald Duncan, writer* [1955] **Extent:** gelatin silver print 35.7 x 40.6 cm. **Location:** 6F:Closet

964:0364:0038 Lynn Chadwick, sculptor* [1954] **Extent:** gelatin silver print 124.6 x 99.2 cm. **Location:** 6F:Closet

964:0364:0039 Jean Dubuffet, painter nd. **Extent:** gelatin silver print 76.4 x 63.7 cm. **Location:** 6F:Closet

964:0364:0040 Alberto Giacometti, sculptor* [1954] **Extent:** gelatin silver print 81.4 x 63.7 cm. **Location:** 6F:Closet

964:0364:0041 M. Sarian [sic, Saryan], painter [with dancer]* [1959] **Extent:** gelatin silver print 98 x 117 cm. **Location:** 6F:Closet

964:0364:0042 Noel Coward, actor, dramatist, composer nd. **Extent:** gelatin silver print 99.2 x 111.9 cm. **Location:** 6F:Closet

964:0364:0043 Josef Herman, painter* 1960 **Extent:** gelatin silver print 104.1 x 96.7 cm. **Location:** 6F:Closet

964:0364:0044 Augustus John, painter* [1959] **Extent:** gelatin silver print 95.4 x 127.2 cm. **Location:** 6F:Closet

964:0364:0045 John Piper, painter* [1954] **Extent:** gelatin silver print 158.9 x 99.1 cm. **Location:** 6F:Closet

964:0364:0046 Ida Kar sculpted by N. Nikogossian* [1957] **Extent:** gelatin silver print 60.5 x 50.8 cm. **Location:** 6F:Closet

964:0364:0047 F. E. McWilliam, sculptor* [1955] **Extent:** gelatin silver print 63.7 x 66.2 cm. **Location:** 6F:Closet

964:0364:0048 Peter King, sculptor nd. **Extent:** gelatin silver print 94 x 50.8 cm. **Location:** 6F:Closet

964:0364:0049 Dudley Tooth, Director, Tooth Gallery [London]* [1959] **Extent:** gelatin silver print 64.9 x 76.2 cm. **Location:** 6F:Closet

964:0364:0050 S. A. Mikoyan [sic, Mikoian] (son of Anastas Mikoyan), scientist nd. **Extent:** gelatin silver print 73.7 x 63.5 cm. **Location:** 6F:Closet

964:0364:0051 Sergei Konenkov, sculptor nd. **Extent:** gelatin silver print 104.3 x 96.7 cm. **Location:** 6F:Closet

964:0364:0052 Henry Moore, sculptor* [1954] **Extent:** gelatin silver print 127.2 x 140 cm. **Location:** 6F:Closet

964:0364:0053 Somerset Maugham, writer* [1958] **Extent:** gelatin silver print 182.9 x 134.6 cm. **Location:** 6F:Closet

964:0364:0054 Frank Norman, writer* [1959] **Extent:** gelatin silver print 61 x 76.2 cm. **Location:** 6F:Closet

964:0364:0055 Fernand Leger, painter* [1954] **Extent:** gelatin silver print 61.1 x 73.8 cm. **Location:** 6F:Closet

964:0364:0056 Sir Jacob Epstein, sculptor* [1954] **Extent:** gelatin silver print 126.1 x 98 cm. **Location:** 6F:Closet

964:0364:0057 Hussein Shariffe [sic, Sharriffe], painter* [1960] **Extent:** gelatin silver print 96.7 x 99.2 cm. **Location:** 6F:Closet

964:0364:0058 Colin MacInnes, writer* [1960] **Extent:** gelatin silver print 96.7 x 127.2 cm. **Location:** 6F:Closet

964:0364:0059 Craigie Aitchison, painter* [1957] **Extent:** gelatin silver print 76.2 x 63.7 cm. **Location:** 6F:Closet

964:0364:0060 Judith De Beer, painter* [1955] **Extent:** gelatin silver print 147.5 x 33.2 cm. **Location:** 6F:Closet

964:0364:0061 Massimo Campigli, painter* [1954?] **Extent:** gelatin silver print 96.7 x 119.5 cm. **Location:** 6F:Closet

964:0364:0062 John Bratby, painter* [1959] **Extent:** gelatin silver print 114.5 x 96.7 cm. **Location:** 6F:Closet

964:0364:0063 Man Ray, artist* [1954] **Extent:** gelatin silver print 127.2 x 99.2 cm. **Location:** 6F:Closet

964:0364:0064 John Christoforou, painter* [1954] **Extent:** gelatin silver print 124.6 x 99.2 cm.

Location: 6F:Closet

964:0364:0065 Marc Chagall, painter* [1954] **Extent:** gelatin silver print 89.1 x 115.7 cm.

Location: 6F:Closet

964:0364:0066 Vieira Da Silva, painter* [1960] **Extent:** gelatin silver print 96.7 x 99.2 cm.

Location: 6F:Closet

964:0364:0067 Bernard Kops (and family), writer* [1960] **Extent:** gelatin silver print 86.4 x 117 cm. **Location:** 6F:Closet

964:0364:0068 Dimitri Shostakovitch [sic, Dmitrii Shostakovich], composer* [1959] **Extent:** gelatin silver print 76.4 x 76.4 cm. **Location:** 6F:Closet

964:0364:0069 Epstein sculpting Bertrand Russell* [1953] **Extent:** gelatin silver print 76.4 x 97.9 cm. **Location:** 6F:Closet

964:0364:0070 William Scott, painter* [1954] **Extent:** gelatin silver print 76.4 x 76.4 cm.

Location: 6F:Closet

964:0364:0071 Le Corbusier, architect* [1954] **Extent:** gelatin silver print 63.5 x 73.7 cm.

Location: 6F:Closet

964:0364:0072 L. S. Lowry, painter* [1954] **Extent:** gelatin silver print 68.6 x 86.4 cm.

Location: 6G:SW

964:0364:0073 Jack Clemente, painter* [1960] **Extent:** gelatin silver print 89.1 x 68.7 cm.

Location: 6F:Closet

964:0364:0074 Avetik['] Isahakian [sic, Isahakyan], poet* [1957] **Extent:** gelatin silver print 86.5 x 67.5 cm. **Location:** 6F:Closet

964:0364:0075 Pierre Soulages, painter* [1954] **Extent:** gelatin silver print 71.1 x 76.2 cm.

Location: 6F:Closet

964:0364:0076 Brian Robins (and wife), sculptor* [1960] **Extent:** gelatin silver print 68.7 x 86.5 cm. **Location:** 6F:Closet

964:0364:0077 Keith Vaughan, painter* [1960] **Extent:** gelatin silver print 76.4 x 76.4 cm.

Location: 6F:Closet

Loose prints of the Whitechapel Art Gallery (London) exhibition in situ, 1960

964:0365:0001 [View of Whitechapel exhibition] 1960 **Extent:** gelatin silver print
11.1 x 16.2 cm.

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964:0365:0002 [View of Whitechapel exhibition] 1960 **Extent:** gelatin
silver print 11.6 x 15 cm.

964:0365:0003 [View of Whitechapel exhibition] 1960 **Extent:** gelatin
silver print 11.6 x 15.7 cm.

964:0365:0004 [View of Whitechapel exhibition] 1960 **Extent:** gelatin
silver print 11.7 x 15.8 cm.

964:0365:0005 [View of Whitechapel exhibition] 1960 **Extent:** gelatin
silver print 11.4 x 15.8 cm.

964:0365:0006 [View of Whitechapel exhibition] 1960 **Extent:** gelatin
silver print 11.7 x 15.8 cm.

Photographs of Ida Kar by other photographers, 1960-1964

964:0366:0001 Ida Kar at her exhibition at the Whitechapel Art Gallery, Apr. 1960
1960 **Extent:** gelatin silver print 19.7 x 21.9 cm. **Photographer:** Cox, John

Box
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I Box 2

964:0366:0002 Ida Kar and her babys [sic] 1964 **Extent:** gelatin silver print
8.1 x 11 cm. **Photographer:** Spek, Klaus

964:0366:0003 Ida Kar and her friend 1964 **Extent:** gelatin silver print 9.5 x
8.1 cm. **Photographer:** Spek, Klaus

964:0366:0004 Ida Kar and a lion cub [1964?] **Extent:** gelatin silver print
24.6 x 19.8 cm. **Photographer:** Preston, Julieta

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