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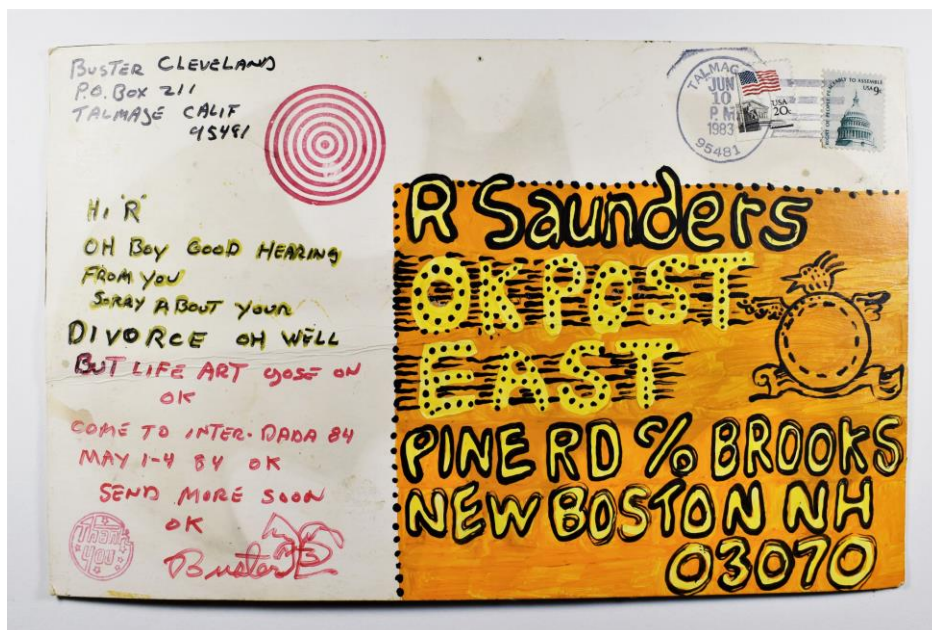
**Buster Cleveland**

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Collage - Mail Art, signed, postmarked June/10/1983, 7"x11"



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## **New York Times, Obituary, May 25, 1998**

### *Buster Cleveland, 55, Dada Artist Known for Collages and Mail Art*

By Holland Cotter

Buster Cleveland, who first gained attention for his zany, meticulously made Dadaist collages in the East Village galleries of the early 1980's, died on May 6 at Elmhurst Hospital Center in Queens. He was 55. The cause was cardiac arrest, said his dealer, Gracie Mansion.

Mr. Cleveland, who was born James Trenholm in Chicago, studied at the Chicago Art Institute and the San Francisco Art Institute. In the 1970's he was involved in the Mendocino Area Dadaists (M.A.D.) and the Bay Area Dadaists (B.A.D), California organizations of artists whose intent was to recreate the ephemeral works of early European Dadaists like Kurt Schwitters and Marcel Duchamp. He was co-director of two international Dada conferences, Inter-Dada 80 and Inter-Dada 84. He wore a "Dada" tattoo.

Mr. Cleveland came to New York in the late 1970's and began selling postage-stamp-size collages on the street in SoHo. He met Ms. Mansion, also an artist, who become his dealer, although she had no gallery of her own then.

In 1981 they rented a limousine, parked it on the corner of Spring Street and West Broadway, then the heart of the SoHo gallery district, and invited passers-by into the back seat to view Mr. Cleveland's work. A year after the "Limo Show," Ms. Mansion opened a gallery on East 10th Street in the East Village and began showing Mr. Cleveland's work. His last show with her was in 1993. His last New York one-man show was held last year at Bound and Unbound Gallery. He was also included in group exhibitions in the United States and Europe.



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