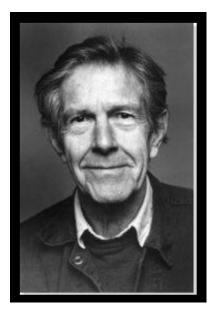


# John Cage, Not Wanting to Say Anything About Marcel, 1969

### **John Cage** (American, 1912 – 1992)

Composer, music theorist, artist, philosopher Major figure in the post-war avant-garde Best known for 1952 composition, "4'33"





Cage preparing a piano, in 1947. Photograph by Irving Penn / © 1947

# Marcel Duchamp



(French-American, 1887 - 1968)

Painter, sculptor, writer

Major figure in Dada and Conceptual art

Known for "Ready-mades"





# Cage and Jasper Johns



John Cage and Jasper Johns – Photo © James Klosty



Jasper Johns (American, 1930 - ) Painter, sculptor, printmaker

Important figure in Abstract Expressionism, Neo-Dada, Modernism and Pop

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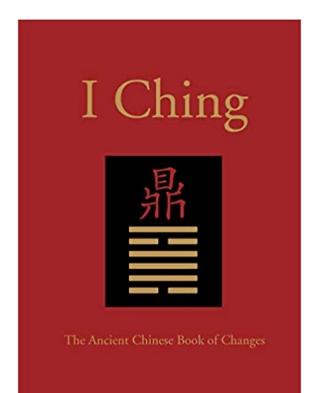
"Chance Operations": Removing the artist's personal choices from the composition



John Cage, New River Rocks and Smoke, 1990. Watercolor and smoke-applied soot on paper, 101 ¾ × 388 ½ in. (258.4 × 986.8 cm). The Menil Collection, Houston, Purchased with funds provided by Dominique de Menil in honor of the 10th anniversary of the Menil Collection. © John Cage Trust

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# "Not Wanting to Say Anything about Marcel" 1969 Plexigrams I-VIII John Cage and Calvin Sumison Ed: 16/125



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