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Exhibition draws together Gysin's books, works on paper

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South Balcony Gallery

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Lawrence, KS— English-born painter and writer Brion Gysin (1916-1986) is best known as the inventor of the "cut-up" technique that he pioneered with William S. Burroughs, and as the inventor of the hallucination-inducing "Dream Machine."

From Feb. 19 through June 5 in the South Balcony Gallery, the Spencer will offer a glimpse of Gysin's unique artistic vision in *Brion Gysin: A Selection of Books and Works on Paper*. The exhibition is offered in conjunction with the national traveling exhibition, *Invisible Revealed: Surrealist Drawings from the Drukier Collection*, organized by the Herbert F. Johnson Museum of Art at Cornell University, which comes to the Spencer in April.

Stephen Goddard, curator of prints and drawings, says Gysin's art is a natural complement to the larger, upcoming surrealist exhibition. As Goddard notes, Gysin's early works have much in common with the art of the surrealists, with whom he exhibited briefly in Paris in 1935 (only to have his works removed by André Breton).

Brion Gysin: A Selection of Books and Works on Paper is organized by Goddard with assistance from Spencer prints and drawings intern Joanna Sternberg and Richard W. Clement, special collections librarian at the Kenneth Spencer Research Library. The exhibition includes books from the collection of the Kenneth Spencer Research Library at KU and works on paper from the Spencer Museum of Art and the estate of William S. Burroughs. The staff at the Spencer extend special thanks to James Grauerholz of William Burroughs Communications for helping make this exhibition possible.

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