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Oral history interview with Lita Albuquerque

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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives of American Art
Title:	Oral history interview with Lita Albuquerque
Date:	1990 July 9-19
Identifier:	AAA.albuqu90
Creator:	Albuquerque, Lita (Interviewee) Clearwater, Bonnie, 1957- (Interviewer)
Extent:	156 Pages (Transcript)
Language:	English .
Digital Content:	Audio: Oral history interview with Lita Albuquerque, 1990 July 9-19, Digital Sound Recording (Excerpt)

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

This interview is part of the Archives of American Art Oral History Program, started in 1958 to document the history of the visual arts in the United States, primarily through interviews with artists, historians, dealers, critics and administrators.

Restrictions

This interview is open for research. Contact Reference Services for more information.

Biographical / Historical

Lita Albuquerque (1946-) is a painter from California.

Scope and Contents

An interview of Lita Albuquerque conducted 1990 July 9-19, by Bonnie Clearwater, for the Archives of American Art.

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Albuquerque tells of her Sephardic, Turkish, and Spanish heritage; growing up in Carthage, Tunisia; arrival in the U.S. in 1957; art history studies at UCLA in the 1960s; early influence on her work of James Turrell, Eric Orr, Guy Dill, Larry Bell, and the Los Angeles Woman's Building; later influence of Zen meditation; travel in India; use of figures and abstract symbols in public commissions; second marriage to Carey Peck; teaching at the Art Center College of Design.

General

Originally recorded on 5 sound cassettes. Reformatted in 2010 as 9 digital wav files. Duration is 4 hrs., 8 min.

Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

Subjects:

- Art -- Study and teaching
- Women artists
- Women painters
- Women sculptors

Types of Materials:

- Interviews
- Sound recordings

Occupations:

- Environmental artists -- California -- Los Angeles
- Installation artists -- California -- Los Angeles
- Painters -- California -- Los Angeles
- Sculptors -- California -- Los Angeles