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Oral history interview with Emma Amos

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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives of American Art
Title:	Oral history interview with Emma Amos
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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 others. Funding for this interview provided by the New York State Council on the Arts.

Location of Originals

Item is a transcript. Location of original audio recording is unknown.

Restrictions

This interview transcript is open for research. No audio exists. Contact Reference Services for more information.

Biographical / Historical

Emma Amos (1937-2020) was a painter and printmaker in New York, New York.

Scope and Contents

An interview of Emma Amos conducted 1968 October 3, by Al Murray, for the Archives of American Art.

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Amos speaks of the development of her interest in art and her early influences, her education at Antioch, Black politics and the problems facing Black artists, image problems among Black people, her travels in Europe, her interests in different media, and the effect of marriage and motherhood on her work.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- African American artists
- African American painters
- African American printmakers
- Art and race
- Women artists
- Women painters
- Women printmakers

Types of Materials:

- Interviews

Occupations:

- Painters -- New York (State) -- New York
- Printmakers -- New York (State) -- New York