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Oral history interview with Rudy Autio

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Collection Overview

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| Repository: | Archives of American Art |
| Title: | Oral history interview with Rudy Autio |
| Identifier: | AAA.autio83 |
| Date: | 1983 October 10-1984 January 28 |
| Creator: | Autio, Rudy, 1926-2007 (Interviewee) Harrington, LaMar, 1917-2005 (Interviewer) |
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Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

This interview is part of the Archives' Northwest Oral History Project, begun in 1982 to document the Northwest artistic community through interviews with painters, sculptors, craftsmen, educators, curators, and others, in Oregon, Washington and Montana.

Location of Originals

Transcript also available at the University of Washington, Manuscripts Collection, and at the Oregon Historical Society.

Biographical / Historical

Rudy Autio (1926-2007) was a sculptor and ceramist from Missoula, Montana.

Scope and Contents

An interview of Rudy Autio conducted 1983 October 10-1984 January 28, by LaMar Harrington, for the Archives of American Art's Northwest Oral History Project. Autio speaks of growing up in Butte, Montana; his first art experiences; his education at Montana State College; his Navy service; working for Archie Bray, a brickmaker; working in carved brick and chimney pots; his interest in Indian customs; working with Peter Voulkos, and Voulkos' style; abstract expressionism; the importance of universities, organizations, and publications to ceramic art; going to Helsinki and learning about Finnish crafts; his thoughts on architectural art; his work methods; and his work in porcelain.

General

Originally recorded on 5 sound cassettes. Reformatted in 2010 as 8 digital wav files. Duration is 5 hr., 27 min.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- Abstract expressionism
- Art, American -- Northwestern States
- Art, Modern -- Northwestern States
- Artists -- Northwestern States -- Interviews
- Ceramicists -- Montana -- Missoula -- Interviews
- Ceramics
- Decorative arts
- Pottery -- 20th century -- Montana
- Sculptors -- Montana -- Interviews
- Sculpture, American -- Northwestern States

Types of Materials:

- Interviews
- Sound recordings

Names:

- Bray, Archie
- Voulikos, Peter, 1924-2002