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Oral history interview with David Barr

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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives of American Art
Title:	Oral history interview with David Barr
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Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

These interviews are part of the Archives' 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.

Biographical / Historical

David Barr (1939-) is a sculptor and painter from Oak Park, Michigan.

Scope and Contents

An interview of David Barr conducted 1982 December 28-1983 January 25, by Linda Abramsky, for the Archives of American Art.

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Barr speaks of his childhood; family background; education; influences on his development; the influence of nature on his work; his use of color; his philosophies of life, death, and work; the evolution of his work; his sources of inspirations; his "Four Corners" sculpture project; and his personal life and interests.

General

Originally recorded on 1 sound cassette. Reformatted in 2010 as 2 digital wav files. Duration is 1 hr., 34 min.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- Sculptors -- Michigan -- Interviews
- Sculpture, American

Types of Materials:

- Interviews
- Sound recordings

Occupations:

- Painters -- Michigan -- Interviews