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Oral history interview with Leonard Baskin

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## Collection Overview

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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.

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## Biographical / Historical

Leonard Baskin (1922-2000) was a sculptor and graphic artist from Leeds, Massachusetts and Devon, England. Baskin was born 1922, in New Brunswick, New Jersey and died Northampton, Massachusetts, June 3, 2000, age 77. Worked on FDR memorial in Washington, D.C. Studied at Yale University. Founded the Gehenna Press in 1942. Taught at Smith College, in Northampton, Massachusetts, 1953-1974, and Hampshire College, in Amherst, MA, 1984-1994.

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## Scope and Contents

An interview of Leonard Baskin conducted by Paul Cummings for the Archives of American Art.

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## General

Originally recorded on 1 sound tape reel. Reformatted in 2010 as 6 digital wav files. Duration is 3 hr., 1 min.

## Names and Subject Terms

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

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Draftsmen (artists) -- Interviews