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## Oral history interview with Ilse Bischoff

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## Collection Overview

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<b>Digital Content:</b>	<a href="#">Digital Content: Oral history interview with Ilse Bischoff, 1982 January 27, Transcript</a> <a href="#">Audio: Oral history interview with Ilse Bischoff, 1982 January 27, Digital Sound Recording (Excerpt)</a>

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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.

### Restrictions

Transcript available on the Archives of American Art website.

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## Biographical / Historical

Ilse Bischoff (1901-1990) was an illustrator, painter, and collector. Birthdate also cited as 1903. Full name Ilse Marthe Bischoff. Born in New York City, Bischoff studied at the Art Students League and in Europe. Later, she worked as an illustrator of childrens' books and collected German porcelain.

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## Scope and Contents

An interview of Ilse Bischoff conducted 1982 January 27, by Robert F. Brown, for the Archives of American Art.

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Bischoff speaks of her upbringing in a wealthy German family in New York; her study of costume design in Paris and at the Parsons School of Design, New York City; her training at the Art Students League, and with William Zorach. She recalls her friendships with Helen Appleton Read, Paul Cadmus and Jared French.

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## General

Originally recorded 1 sound cassette. Reformatted in 2010 as 2 digital wav files. Duration is 56 min.

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## Names and Subject Terms

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

### Subjects:

- Art -- Collectors and collecting
- Women artists
- Women authors
- Women painters

### Types of Materials:

- Interviews
- Sound recordings

### Names:

- Art Students League (New York, N.Y.) -- Students
- Cadmus, Paul, 1904-1999
- French, Jared, 1905-1988
- Parsons School of Design -- Students
- Read, Helen Appleton, 1897-1974
- Zorach, William, 1887-1966

### Occupations:

- Authors -- New York (State) -- New York
- Collectors -- New York (State) -- New York
- Illustrators -- New York (State) -- New York
- Painters -- New York (State) -- New York