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## Oral history interview with Isabel Bishop

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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 administrators.

### Restrictions

Transcript available on the Archives of American Art website.

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## Biographical / Historical

Isabel Bishop (1902-1988) was a painter from New York, New York.

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## Scope and Contents

An interview of Isabel Bishop conducted 1987 November 12-December 11, by Cynthia Nadelman, for the Archives of American Art.

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Bishop discusses her family background; moving to New York; her studio in Union Square; "Reality" magazine; and her figurative sculpture and portraiture. She recalls Reginald Marsh, Kenneth Hayes Miller, Raphael Soyer, Alan Gruskin, Guy Pène du Bois, James Johnson Sweeney, and others.

## General

Originally recorded 4 sound cassettes. Reformatted in 2010 as 8 digital wav files. Duration is 5 hr., 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:

- Women artists
- Women painters
- Women sculptors

### Types of Materials:

- Interviews
- Sound recordings

### Names:

- Gruskin, Alan D. (Alan Daniel), 1904-1970
- Marsh, Reginald, 1898-1954
- Miller, Kenneth Hayes, 1876-1952
- Pène Du Bois, Guy , 1884-1958
- Soyer, Raphael, 1899-1987
- Sweeney, James Johnson, 1900-

### Occupations:

- Book illustrators -- New York (State) -- New York
- Painters -- New York (State) -- New York
- Sculptors -- New York (State) -- New York