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Collection Overview

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Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

This interview conducted as part of the Archives of American Art's New Deal and the Arts project, which includes over 400 interviews of artists, administrators, historians, and others involved with the federal government's art programs and the activities of the Farm Security Administration in the 1930s and early 1940s.

Available Formats

Transcript is available on the Archives of American Art's website.

Restrictions

This interview is open for research. Contact Reference Services for more information.

Biographical / Historical

Anton Blazek (1902-1974) was a painter and sculptor in Los Angeles, California.

Scope and Contents

Blazek speaks of his childhood in Baltimore; early art and music training; commercial art; ceramics; working with aluminum; his move to Los Angeles; works completed for federal projects; his paintings of California missions; the lack of government censorship; and the value of federal projects. He recalls David Ebstrom, Lorser Feitelson, and Stanton Macdonald-Wright.

General

Originally recorded on 2 sound tape reels. Reformatted in 2010 as 2 digital wav files. Duration is 1 hr., 22 min.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- Art and state
- Federal aid to the arts
- Painters -- California -- Los Angeles -- Interviews
- Sculptors -- California -- Los Angeles -- Interviews

Types of Materials:

- Interviews
- Sound recordings

Names:

- Ebstrom, David
- Feitelson, Lorser, 1898-1978
- Macdonald-Wright, Stanton, 1890-1973
- New Deal and the Arts Oral History Project