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Oral history interview with Irving Block

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	Archives of American Art
<b>Title:</b>	Oral history interview with Irving Block
<b>Date:</b>	1965 April 16
<b>Identifier:</b>	AAA.block65
<b>Creator:</b>	Block, Irving (Interviewee) McGlynn, Betty Hoag (Interviewer) New Deal and the Arts Oral History Project
<b>Extent:</b>	43 Pages (Transcript)
<b>Language:</b>	English .
<b>Digital Content:</b>	<a href="#">Digital Content: Oral history interview with Irving Block, 1965 April 16, Transcript</a> <a href="#">Audio: Oral history interview with Irving Block, 1965 April 16, Digital Sound Recording (Excerpt)</a>

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## Administrative Information

### Acquisition Information

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 available on line at <http://www.aaa.si.edu/collections/oralhistories/transcripts/block65.htm>

### Restrictions

Transcript available on the Archives of American Art website.

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## Biographical / Historical

Irving Block (1910-1986) was a painter and educator in Los Angeles, California.

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## Scope and Contents

An interview of Irving Block conducted by Betty Hoag on 1965 Apr. 16 for the Archives of American Art.

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## General

Originally recorded on 2 sound tape reels. Reformatted in 2010 as 2 digital wav files. Duration is 1 hr., 58 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 -- Philosophy
- Federal aid to the arts
- Painters -- California -- Los Angeles -- Interviews

### Types of Materials:

- Interviews
- Sound recordings

### Names:

- New Deal and the Arts Oral History Project

### Occupations:

- Art teachers -- California -- Los Angeles -- Interviews

### Functions:

- Arts organizations