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Bob & Bob (Francis Shishim and Paul Velik) papers

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	Archives of American Art
<b>Title:</b>	Bob & Bob (Francis Shishim and Paul Velik) papers
<b>Identifier:</b>	AAA.bobbob
<b>Date:</b>	1968-2017
<b>Extent:</b>	5.4 Linear feet
<b>Creator:</b>	Bob & Bob Shishim, Francis Velik, Paul
<b>Language:</b>	English .

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## Administrative Information

### Acquisition Information

Donated 2019 by Francis Shishim and Paul Velik.

### Restrictions

Use of original papers requires an appointment and is limited to the Archives' Washington, D.C., Research Center. Use of audio visual recordings with no duplicate copy requires advance notice.

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## Biographical / Historical

Francis Shishim (aka the Dark Bob) and Paul Velik (aka The Light Bob) founded the art team Bob & Bob in the early 1970s in Los Angeles, California. They were part of early performance art in Los Angeles that used ironic humor and media stereotypes to critique the art world and surrounding society.

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## Scope and Contents

The papers of performance artists Francis Shishim and Paul Velik known as Bob & Bob measure 5.4 linear feet and date from 1975-2017. Included is material related to their performance art as Bob & Bob consisting of project files, correspondence with friends and correspondence between Shishim and Velik, photographs and slides of Bob & Bob and of performances, printed material relating to publicity including announcements, catalogs and posters, and audio and moving image materials documenting performance works, musical works, interviews, and events featuring Bob & Bob.

## Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Performance art

Types of Materials:

Sound recordings

Video recordings

Names:

Bob & Bob

Occupations:

Performance artists -- California -- Los Angeles