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(Francis Shishim and Paul Velick)

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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.

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Biographical / Historical

Francis Shishim (aka The Dark Bob) and Paul Velick (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.

Scope and Contents

An interview with Bob & Bob (Francis Shishim and Paul Velick) conducted 2020 July 10, by Matthew Simms, for the Archives of American Art's Pandemic Oral History Project at Bob & Bob's respective homes in Santa Monica, Calif.

Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements

Recorded on Zoom (videoconferencing software)

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- COVID-19 (Disease)
- COVID-19 (Disease) and the arts
- Pandemics

Types of Materials:

- Interviews
- Video recordings

Names:

- Dark Bob
- Pandemic Oral History Project
- Shishim, Francis
- Velick, Paul Bob

Occupations:

- Performance artists -- California -- Los Angeles