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## Oral history interview with Rudy Burckhardt

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	Archives of American Art
<b>Title:</b>	Oral history interview with Rudy Burckhardt
<b>Date:</b>	1993 January 14
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<b>Creator:</b>	Burckhardt, Rudy, 1914-1999 (Interviewee) Sawin, Martica (Interviewer)
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<b>Language:</b>	English .
<b>Digital Content:</b>	<a href="#">Digital Content: Oral history interview with Rudy Burckhardt, 1993 January 14, Transcript</a> <a href="#">Audio: Oral history interview with Rudy Burckhardt, 1993 January 14, Digital Sound Recording (Excerpt)</a>

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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. Funding for this interview provided by John W. Payson.

### Available Formats

Transcript available on line

### Restrictions

Transcript available on the Archives of American Art website.

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## Biographical / Historical

Rudy Burckhardt (1914-1999) was a photographer and filmmaker from New York, New York.

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## Scope and Contents

An interview of Rudy Burckhardt conducted 1993 January 14, by Martica Sawin, for the Archives of American Art.

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Burckhardt speaks about life in the New York art world of the 1930s and 1940s, especially of his friendship with Willem De Kooning and Edwin Denby. He talks briefly about his own films, including collaborations with Joseph Cornell and Red Grooms. He also remembers the artists Larry Rivers, Arshile Gorky, and Franz Kline.

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## General

Originally recorded on 1 sound cassette. Reformatted in 2010 as 2 digital wav files. Duration is 1 hr., 23 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:

Filmmakers -- New York (State) -- New York -- Interviews  
Photographers -- New York (State) -- New York -- Interviews

### Types of Materials:

Interviews  
Sound recordings

### Names:

Cornell, Joseph  
De Kooning, Willem, 1904-1997  
Denby, Edwin Hooper, 1873-  
Gorky, Arshile, 1904-1948  
Grooms, Red  
Kline, Franz, 1910-1962  
Rivers, Larry, 1925-2002