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Oral history interview with Calvin Burnett

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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives of American Art
Title:	Oral history interview with Calvin Burnett
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Creator:	Burnett, Calvin, 1921-2007 (Interviewee) Brown, Robert F. (Interviewer)
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Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

These interviews are 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 others.

Available Formats

Transcript available on line.

Restrictions

Transcript available on the Archives of American Art website.

Biographical / Historical

Calvin Burnett (1921-2007) was a graphic artist, illustrator, painter, and designer from Cambridge, Massachusetts. Full name Calvin W. Burnett.

Scope and Contents

An interview of Calvin Burnett conducted 1980 June 13-1981 January 6, by Robert Brown, for the Archives of American Art.

Scope and Contents

Burnett speaks of his education at the Massachusetts College of Art, Boston; freelancing in commercial art; his career as a Black artist; teaching methods; recent paintings; and his civil rights activities.

General

Originally recorded on 2 sound tape reels. Reformatted in 2010 as 4 digital wav files. Duration is 4 hr., 19 min.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- African American artists
- African American educators
- African American painters

Types of Materials:

- Interviews
- Sound recordings

Occupations:

- Designers -- Massachusetts -- Cambridge
- Educators -- Massachusetts
- Illustrators -- Massachusetts
- Painters -- Massachusetts -- Cambridge