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Oral history interview with Peter Busa

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	Archives of American Art
<b>Title:</b>	Oral history interview with Peter Busa
<b>Date:</b>	1965 September 5
<b>Identifier:</b>	AAA.busa65
<b>Creator:</b>	Busa, Peter, 1914-1985 (Interviewee) Seckler, Dorothy Gees, 1910-1994 (Interviewer)
<b>Extent:</b>	45 Pages (Transcript)
<b>Language:</b>	English .
<b>Digital Content:</b>	<a href="#">Digital Content: Oral history interview with Peter Busa, 1965 September 5, Transcript</a> <a href="#">Audio: Oral history interview with Peter Busa, 1965 September 5, Digital Sound Recording (Excerpt)</a>

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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.

### Restrictions

Transcript available on the Archives of American Art website.

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## Biographical / Historical

Peter Busa (1914-1985) was a painter and sculptor from Minneapolis, Minnesota.

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## Scope and Contents

An interview of Peter Busa conducted 1965 September 5, by Dorothy Seckler, for the Archives of American Art. Busa speaks of family background; influences on his work; and his work on the WPA. He recalls Arshile Gorky, Stuart Davis, Jackson Pollock, William Baziotas, Kamrowski, and discusses his work being purchased by art patron Walter Chrysler in the late 1950's.

## General

Originally recorded as 2 sound tapes. Reformatted in 2010 as 3 digital wav files. Duration is 1 hr., 37 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, Abstract
- Painters -- Massachusetts -- Provincetown -- Interviews
- Painters -- Minnesota -- Interviews
- Painters -- New York (State) -- New York -- Interviews

### Types of Materials:

- Interviews
- Sound recordings

### Names:

- Gorky, Arshile, 1904-1948