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Oral history interview with Arcangelo Cascieri

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## Collection Overview

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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.

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## Biographical / Historical

Arcangelo Cascieri (1902-1997) was a sculptor, educator, and administrator at the Boston Architectural Center (BAC) of Boston, Massachusetts.

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## Scope and Contents

An interview of Arcangelo Cascieri conducted 1972 November 21-1974 January 24, by Robert F. Brown, for the Archives of American Art.

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## Scope and Contents

Cascieri speaks of his childhood in Italy; his art education, beginning with his apprenticeship to a wood sculptor; his early sculpture for churches; attending Massachusetts College of Art; early commissions; definitions and standards of beauty; studying at the Boston Architectural Center (BAC); meeting and becoming acquainted with Walter Gropius; becoming the administrator of the BAC; teaching experiences; changes in the BAC over the years; and his artistic philosophy.

## General

Originally recorded on 1 sound tape reel. Reformatted in 2010 as 2 digital wav files. Duration is 2 hrs., 15 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 -- Philosophy
- Church decoration and ornament
- Sculptors -- Massachusetts -- Boston -- Interviews
- Sculpture, Modern -- 20th century -- United States

### Types of Materials:

- Interviews
- Sound recordings

### Names:

- Boston Architectural Center -- Students
- Gropius, Walter, 1883-1969
- Massachusetts College of Art -- Students

### Occupations:

- Arts administrators -- Massachusetts -- Boston -- Interviews