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Oral history interview with Edward Chavez

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Collection Overview

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Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

This interview conducted as part of the Archives of American Art's New Deal and the Arts project, which includes over 400 interviews of artists, administrators, historians, and others involved with the federal government's art programs and the activities of the Farm Security Administration in the 1930s and early 1940s.

Restrictions

Transcript available on the Archives of American Art website.

Biographical / Historical

Edward Chavez (1917-1995) is a painter, mural painter, and sculptor from Woodstock, New York.

Scope and Contents

An interview of Edward Chavez conducted 1964 November 5, in Woodstock, New York, by Joseph Trovato for the Archives of American Art.

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Chavez speaks of the development of his interest in art; working for the Treasury Relief Art Project, and later the WPA Federal Art Project; murals he did for the WPA in high schools and post offices; his post-war paintings and the change in his style; and his feelings about federal support for the arts.

General

Originally recorded on 1 sound tape reel. Reformatted in 2010 as 1 digital wav file. Duration is 20 min.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- Federal aid to the arts
- Latino and Latin American artists
- Mural painting and decoration
- Muralists -- New York (State) -- Woodstock -- Interviews
- Painters -- New York (State) -- Woodstock -- Interviews
- Sculptors -- New York (State) -- Woodstock -- Interviews

Types of Materials:

- Interviews
- Sound recordings

Names:

- Federal Art Project
- New Deal and the Arts Oral History Project
- Treasury Relief Art Project