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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives of American Art
Title:	Marvin Cherney papers
Date:	1928-1979
Identifier:	AAA.chermarv
Creator:	Cherney, Marvin, 1925-1967
Extent:	2.1 Linear feet
Language:	English .

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Donated 1979 and 2007 by Anna Cherney, Cherney's widow. Additional scrapbook pages were donated in 2021 by collector, Elaine Penske.

Restrictions

This collection is open for research. Access to original papers requires an appointment and is limited to the Archives' Washington, D.C. Research Center.

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Biographical / Historical

Marvin Cherney (1925-1967) was a painter in New York, N.Y.

Scope and Contents

The Marvin Cherney papers measure 2.1 linear feet and date from 1928-1979. Included is correspondence, photographs, writings, works of art, printed material and two scrapbooks. Correspondence is with family, museums, art organizations, and the Eisendrath Synagogue. There are also 50 letters of condolence to Anna Cherney, Marvin Cherney's widow, regarding his death. Photographs are of Cherney, his family and friends, models, paintings, studio, and a 1956 exhibition opening at Bernhardt Crystal Gallery. Also included are color transparencies, negatives, 38 slides of works of art as well as 66 black and white photographs of paintings by Cherney, each identified with

title, date, media, dimensions, and Kennedy Galleries, Inc. stock numbers, and notes by Cherney about his work. Works of art consist of 5 drawings by Cherney, ca. 1952. Printed material includes clippings, exhibition catalogs and announcements. There is one scrapbook containing childhood memorabilia and one scrapbook (portions unbound), compiled by Anna Cherney, containing letters from galleries and institutions, newspaper clippings of reviews of Cherney's exhibitions, exhibition announcements and invitations.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Types of Materials:

- Drawings
- Scrapbooks

Occupations:

- Painters -- New York (State) -- New York