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A Finding Aid to the Carl Chiarenza Interviews of Artists, 1957-1981, in the Archives of American Art

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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives of American Art
Title:	Carl Chiarenza interviews of artists
Date:	1957-1981
Identifier:	AAA.chiacarl
Creator:	Chiarenza, Carl
Extent:	2 Linear feet
Language:	English .
Summary:	The interviews of artists by Carl Chiarenza measure 2.0 linear feet and date from 1957 to 1981. The interviews total 93 audio cassettes and are with photographer Aaron Siskind and various artists on the subject of Aaron Siskind.

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

The interviews were donated by Carl Chiarenza in 1987.

Location of Originals

Recordings and transcripts in this collection are duplicates. The originals are part of the Carl Chiarenza papers in the center for Creative Photography at the University of Arizona.

Available Formats

Some of the sound recordings in this collection have been digitized for research access and are available in the Archives of American Art offices.

Processing Information

The collection was processed, and a finding aid prepared by Ricky Gomez in 2020.

Preferred Citation

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Restrictions

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Biographical / Historical

Carl Chiarenza (1935-) is a photographer and art historian in Rochester, New York. He completed a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from Rochester Institute of Technology in 1957, and he received a PhD from Harvard University in 1973. Chiarenza is Fanny Knapp Allen Professor Emeritus of Art History, and Artist-in-Residence, at the University of Rochester. Chiarenza has authored numerous essays on artists and the biography, Aaron Siskind: Pleasures and Terrors (1982).

Scope and Contents

The interviews of artists by Carl Chiarenza measure 2.0 linear feet and date from 1957 to 1981. The interviews are with photographer Aaron Siskind and with artists on the subject of Aaron Siskind. The collection consists of 93 audio cassette copies of interviews from original recordings made on audio reels. There are also partial transcripts for some of the interviews.

Arrangement

The collection is arranged as one series.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Types of Materials:

- Interviews
- Sound recordings

Names:

- Siskind, Aaron

Occupations:

- Art historians -- New York (State) -- Rochester
- Photographers -- New York (State) -- Rochester

Container Listing

Series 1: Interviews, 1957-1981

2 Linear feet (Boxes 1-5)

Arrangement: The collection is arranged in numerical order according to the original audio reels. Cassettes with transcripts are arranged first followed by cassettes without transcripts.

Scope and Contents: Interviews conducted by Carl Chiarenza are with photographer Aaron Siskind and with various artists on the subject of Aaron Siskind. The collection consists of 93 audio cassette copies of interviews from original recordings made on audio reels. There are also partial transcripts for some of the interviews.

Box 1, Folder 1	Inventory List, circa 1981
Box 1, Folder 2	RISD Talk, 1969 2 Sound cassettes
Box 1, Folder 3	"Siskind as Teacher Wellington" and "Looking Over 1930-1942", 1970 June 20 2 Sound cassettes
Box 1, Folder 4	Chiarenza and Siskind Talks, Chicago and Madisonville, KY, 1970 June 10, 15 4 Sound cassettes
Box 1, Folder 5	Chiarenza and Siskind Biography, 1970 June 15 3 Sound cassettes
Box 1, Folder 6	Graduate Seminar, 1966 3 Sound cassettes
Box 1, Folder 7	Walter Teller, 1970 August 24 2 Sound cassettes
Box 1, Folder 8	"Lobsterville", 1970 August 26 2 Sound cassettes
Box 1, Folder 9	Conversation with Alice and Leo Yamin, 1970 August 20 2 Sound cassettes
Box 2, Folder 1	Bill Lipkind, 1970 August 19 3 Sound cassettes
Box 2, Folder 2	"Nathan Lyons" and "Roger Mertin", 1970 September 9 2 Sound cassettes
Box 2, Folder 3	"ID Theses", 1970 June 19 2 Sound cassettes
Box 2, Folder 4	"ID Critique" and "Lecture-Traditions & Movements", 1958, 1967

	3 Sound cassettes
Box 2, Folder 5	Tom Barrow, 1970 August 10 2 Sound cassettes
Box 2, Folder 6	Chiarenza Interview with Siskind Students, 1970 June 6 1 Sound cassette
Box 2, Folder 7	Barbara Crane and Jim Newbury, 1970 June 2 Sound cassettes
Box 3, Item 1-2	RISD 1969, 1969 2 Sound cassettes
Box 3, Item 3	"Siskind, Leibling, Lyons Minneapolis", 1965 1 Sound cassette
Box 3, Item 4-5	"Conversation While Looking at Prints", 1957 2 Sound cassettes
Box 3, Item 6	"W. Teller Princeton, NJ", 1971 March 11 1 Sound cassette
Box 3, Item 7-8	Cathy Spencer, 1971 March 8 2 Sound cassettes
Box 3, Item 9	"Photo League, Walter Rosenblum", 1971 March 13 1 Sound cassette
Box 3, Item 10	"Morris Engel" and "Noah Goldowsky", 1971 March 8 1 Sound cassette
Box 3, Item 11	"Elaine de Kooning" and "Adolph Gottlieb", 1971 March 10-12 1 Sound cassette
Box 3, Item 12-14	"Henry Callahan & Chiarenza", 1971 September 21 3 Sound cassettes
Box 3, Item 15	"Conversation with Minor White", 1971 March 21 1 Sound cassette
Box 3, Item 16	"Callahan & Siskind Interviewed by C.C.", 1971 March 27 1 Sound cassette
Box 3, Item 17	"Siskind Reel 29", undated 1 Sound cassette
Box 3, Item 18	Chilmark, 1974 August 7-1974 August 9

	1 Sound cassette
Box 3, Item 19-21	Siskind Interview, Chilmark, 1974 August 7 3 Sound cassettes
Box 4, Item 1-2	"Chiarenza Homage to Kline Series", 1975 May 13 2 Sound cassettes
Box 4, Item 3	"Howard Thurman", undated 1 Sound cassette
Box 4, Item 4	"Yauno on Siskind", 1971 September 19 1 Sound cassette
Box 4, Item 5-7	"Max Yauno", 1971 September 18-19 3 Sound cassettes
Box 4, Item 8	"Max Yauno on Siskind", 1971 September 19 1 Sound cassette
Box 4, Item 9	"J. Teller Chilmark", 1974 August 8 1 Sound cassette
Box 4, Item 10-12	"Max Yauno on Siskind", 1971 September 18-19 3 Sound cassettes
Box 4, Item 13	"Jeromir Stephany", undated 1 Sound cassette
Box 4, Item 14	"Walter Rosenblum on Siskind, Engel, Strand, and Photo League", 1971 March 13 1 Sound cassette
Box 4, Item 15	"AS 5-6-79 Prov (1970s) Chiarenza", 1979 May 6 1 Sound cassette
Box 4, Item 16	"C.C./A.S. Prov 8-5-79 (1970s)", 1979 August 5 1 Sound cassette
Box 4, Item 17	"A.S./C.C. 1970s Prov 8-6-79", 1979 August 6 1 Sound cassette
Box 4, Item 18-20	"Aaron Siskind/Chiarenza Providence", 1980 March 3 3 Sound cassettes
Box 5, Item 1-2	"Siskind Prov Chap6", 1981 January 18 2 Sound cassettes
Box 5, Item 3-5	"Siskind - Providence Chap 7", 1981 March 13

3 Sound cassettes

Box 5, Item 6-8	"Siskind 3-29-81", 1981 March 29 3 Sound cassettes
Box 5, Item 9-11	"Siskind Prov 4-27", April 27 3 Sound cassettes
Box 5, Item 12-14	"Siskind 5-9", May 9 3 Sound cassettes
Box 5, Item 15	"5-15-81", 1981 May 15 1 Sound cassette
Box 5, Item 16	"Siskind-Chiarenza June 1981 On Summer, Muncie, Cincinnati & Walldorf-Cedar", 1981 June 1 Sound cassette

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