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Bernard Childs papers

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	Archives of American Art
<b>Title:</b>	Bernard Childs papers
<b>Date:</b>	circa 1950-2017
<b>Identifier:</b>	AAA.chilbern
<b>Creator:</b>	Childs, Bernard, 1910-1985
<b>Extent:</b>	15.4 Linear feet
<b>Language:</b>	English .

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## Administrative Information

### Acquisition Information

Material donated 1980-1982 by Bernard Childs and in 2004, and in 2015-2020 by Judith Childs, Bernard Childs' widow.

### Available Formats

35mm microfilm reels 72 and 81 available at Archives of American Art offices and through interlibrary loan.

### Restrictions

Use of original papers requires an appointment and is limited to the Archives' Washington, D.C., Research Center. Use of audio visual recordings with no duplicate copy requires advance notice.

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## Biographical / Historical

Bernard Childs (1910-1985) was a painter and printmaker in New York, New York.

## Scope and Contents

The Bernard Childs papers measure 15.4 linear feet and date from circa 1950-2017. Included are biographical material, correspondence, writings, subject files, a scrapbook, photographs, printed material, sketches, an audio recording, an interview, and an artifact documenting the career of painter and printmaker Bernard Childs.

Biographical material includes appointment books, day planners, address books and awards. Correspondence is with colleagues, friends, and museums regarding Childs' works of art, exhibitions, and works of art by others. A portion of the correspondence is posthumous and includes condolence letters to Judith regarding Bernard as well as correspondence between Judith and others regarding Bernard. Writings include journals, notebooks, and a typescript of a lecture given by Judith Childs about Bernard, November 1990.

Subject files pertain to artists, works of art, exhibitions, publications, teaching, travel and other activities. Photographs and slides are of Childs, his family, friends and his works of art. Printed material includes exhibition catalogs, posters, rare books, and newspaper clippings regarding Childs and other artists. Artworks includes few sketches by Childs. Audio visual material includes an audio recording of a lecture given by Childs and a VHS videotape of a 1980 interview (with outtakes) of Bernard Childs' conducted by John Hass, Channel 5. One artifact includes a t-shirt with an image designed by Childs.

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## Names and Subject Terms

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

### Types of Materials:

- Scrapbooks
- Sound recordings

### Names:

- Childs, Judith

### Occupations:

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