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Oral history interview with Andrew Chinn

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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives of American Art
Title:	Oral history interview with Andrew Chinn
Date:	1991 August 9
Identifier:	AAA.chinn91
Creator:	Chinn, Andrew, 1915-1996 (Interviewee)
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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 administrators.

Location of Originals

Transcript also available at the University of Washington, Manuscripts Collection, and at the Oregon Historical Society.

Available Formats

Transcript available online.

Restrictions

Transcript available on the Archives of American Art website.

Biographical / Historical

Andrew Chinn (1915-1995) was a Chinese American painter based in Seattle, Washington.

Scope and Contents

An interview of Andrew Chinn conducted 1991 August 9, by Matthew Kangas, for the Archives of American Art Northwest Asian American Project.

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Chinn speaks of his childhood; the formation of the Chinese Art Club in Seattle in the 1930s; exhibitions of his work in the 1940s; the Chinese and Western styles of his paintings; his teaching career; his friendship with Fay Chong; and his opinion of the Asian influence in Mark Tobey's work.

General

Originally recorded on 2 sound cassettes. Reformatted in 2010 as 3 digital wav files. Duration is 1 hr., 46 min.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- Asian American art
- Asian American artists
- Asian American painters
- Chinese American art
- Chinese American artists
- Painting, Modern -- 20th century -- Washington (State) -- Seattle

Types of Materials:

- Interviews
- Sound recordings

Names:

- Chinese Art Club (Seattle, Wash.)
- Chong, Fay
- Kangas, Matthew
- Northwest Asian American Project
- Tobey, Mark

Occupations:

- Painters -- Washington (State) -- Seattle