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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives of American Art
Title:	Contemporary Arts Association/Museum records
Date:	1948-1979
Identifier:	AAA.contarts
Creator:	Contemporary Arts Association (Houston, Tex.)
Extent:	0.2 Linear feet ((on 2 microfilm reels))
Language:	English .

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Material on reel 1781 donated by Robert Preusser 1979; he lent the installation photographs for microfilming (reel 1778) at the same time.

Available Formats

35mm microfilm reels 1778 and 1781 available through interlibrary loan.

Restrictions

Use of original papers requires an appointment and is limited to the Archives' Washington, D.C., Research Center. Microfilmed materials must be consulted on microfilm. Contact Reference Services for more information.

Biographical / Historical

Art museum; Houston, Tex. Also known as Contemporary Arts Museum. Incorporated 1948 to promote contemporary art through exhibitions and lectures.

Scope and Contents

Correspondence; reports; clippings; catalogs; announcements; and photographs.

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REEL 1778: Installation photographs of exhibitions: This is Contemporary Art; Moholy-Nagy Memorial Exhibition; Painting Toward Architecture; Design in Nature; and The Completion of Interiors.

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REEL 1781: Correspondence of Robert Preusser, former president of the Contemporary Arts Association, concerning the organization's development; organizational records; annual reports; board meeting minutes; clippings; catalogs and announcements; and 2 negatives and 5 photos of the Contemporary Arts Museum building.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Art, Modern -- 20th century -- United States -- Exhibitions

Names:

Contemporary Arts Museum

Functions:

Art museums -- Texas
Arts organizations -- Texas