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Oral history interview with Lee Brown Coye

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Collection Overview

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Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Conducted as part of the Archives of American Art's New Deal and the Arts project, which includes over 400 interviews of artists, administrators, historians, and others involved with the federal government's art programs and the activities of the Farm Security Administration in the 1930s and early 1940s.

Available Formats

Transcript: 35mm microfilm reel 3418 available at Archives of American Art offices and through interlibrary loan.

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Transcript is available on the Archives of American Art's website.

Restrictions

This interview is open for research. Contact Reference Services for more information.

Biographical / Historical

Lee Brown Coye (1907-1981) was a painter and mural painter in New York.

Scope and Contents

An interview of Lee Brown Coye conducted 1964 May 26, by Joseph Trovato, for the Archives of American Art.

Scope and Contents

Coye speaks of the development of his style of painting; painting murals in Utica, New York; Thomas Hart Benton's influence on him; the importance of the Federal Art Project on his career and on the lives and work of other artists.

General

Originally recorded on 1 sound tape reel. Reformatted in 2010 as 1 digital wav file. Duration is 21 min.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- Federal aid to the arts
- Mural painting and decoration -- New York (State)
- Muralists -- New York (State) -- Interviews
- Painters -- New York (State) -- Interviews

Types of Materials:

- Interviews
- Sound recordings

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- Federal Art Project (N.Y.)
- New Deal and the Arts Oral History Project