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Stuart Davis correspondence
with Francis Henry Taylor

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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives of American Art
Title:	Stuart Davis correspondence with Francis Henry Taylor
Date:	1940
Identifier:	AAA.davistuc
Creator:	Davis, Stuart, 1892-1964 Taylor, Francis Henry, 1903-1957
Extent:	11 Items ((on partial microfilm reel))
Language:	English .

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Donated by Franklin Riehlman, 1985.

Available Formats

35mm microfilm reel 4909 (fr. 1090-1112) available at Archives of American Art and 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

Stuart Davis (1892-1964) was a painter and teacher, from New York.

Scope and Contents

Letter, May 19, 1940, from Davis to Francis Henry Taylor, Director of the Metropolitan Museum of Art. Davis writes that the "rejection of my work by the acquisitions committee of your museum, followed by Mr. Wehle's explanation of the reason for that rejection, was merely indicative of the fact that work in the style of mine is not usual here." He encloses photographs of his work so that Taylor can "review them and make his own decision ..."; 8 of the 9 photographs are annotated by Davis with title, medium, dimensions, and date. Also included is a carbon of Taylor's acknowledgement, May 22, 1940, and a note, May 23, [1940], enclosing the photos, from Taylor to Metropolitan curator Harry B. Wehle: "Herewith some curious examples of ultra-modern art."

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Painting, Modern -- 20th century -- New York (State) -- New York

Names:

Metropolitan Museum of Art (New York, N.Y.)
Wehle, Harry B. (Harry Brandeis), b. 1887

Functions:

Art museums -- New York (State)