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Collection Overview

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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 others.

Biographical / Historical

Adolf Dehn (1895-1968) was a painter and lithographer in New York, New York.

Scope and Contents

An interview of Adolf Dehn conducted by Dorothy Gees Seckler between 1963 January 23-1964 February 29 for the Archives of American Art.

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Dehn speaks of his art training; military service; his drawings for "The Masses," "The Dian," "Playboy," "Broom," "Vanity Fair," and other publications; odd jobs; his European travels; his first wife, Mura Ziperovitch; the influence of Jules Pascin, George Grosz, and Mayan art upon his work; his use of batik, lithography, watercolor, crayon-wash, casein, and gouache; exhibitions as Weyhe Gallery in New York City; and Federal Art Projects. He recalls Arnold Blanch, John Flanagan, Wanda Hazel Gág, Boardman Robinson, and others.

General

Originally recorded on 6 sound tape reels. Reformatted in 2010 as 7 digital wav file. Duration is 4 hr., 4 min.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Lithographers -- New York (State) -- New York -- Interviews
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Types of Materials:

Interviews
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Names:

Blanch, Arnold, 1896-1968
Flannagan, John Bernard, 1895?-1942
Gag, Wanda, 1893-1946
Robinson, Boardman, 1876-1952