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Oral history interview with Kenneth Donahue

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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives of American Art
Title:	Oral history interview with Kenneth Donahue
Date:	1981 March 18-April 17
Identifier:	AAA.donahu81
Creator:	Donahue, Kenneth (Interviewee) Bowman, Ruth, 1923- (Interviewer)
Extent:	71 Pages (Transcript)
Language:	English .
Digital Content:	Audio: Oral history interview with Kenneth Donahue, 1981 March 18-April 17, Digital Sound Recording (Excerpt)

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

These interviews are part of the Archives' 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

Kenneth Donahue (1915-1985) was a museum director and art historian of Los Angeles, California.

Scope and Contents

An interview of Kenneth Donahue conducted 1981 March 18-April 17, by Ruth Bowman, for the Archives of American Art.

Scope and Contents

Donahue speaks of his early interest in museums; his education at the University of Louisville; his work at the Museum of Modern Art, the Frick and Ringling Museums, and as assistant director at the Los Angeles County Museum of Art; some exhibitions and acquisitions by the Los Angeles County Museum of Art.

General

Originally recorded on 6 sound cassettes. Reformatted in 2010 as 11 digital wav files. Duration is 5 hr., 5 min.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Museum directors -- Interviews

Types of Materials:

Interviews
Sound recordings

Names:

Frick Collection
John and Mable Ringling Museum of Art
Los Angeles County Museum of Art
Museum of Modern Art (New York, N.Y.)

Occupations:

Art historians -- Interviews

Functions:

Art museums