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Oral history interview with David Driskell

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Collection Overview

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Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

This interview is 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 administrators.

Available Formats

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

Biographical / Historical

David C. Driskell (1931-2020) was a painter, curator, and educator in Washington, D.C. Cynthia Mills (1947-2014) was an art historian in Washington, D.C.

Scope and Contents

An interview of David C. Driskell conducted 2009 March 18-April 7, by Cynthia Mills, for the Archives of American Art, at Driskell's home, in Hyattsville, Maryland.

General

Originally recorded as 7 sound files. Duration is 5 hr., 7 min.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- African American art -- African influences
- African American art museum curators
- African American artists
- African American educators
- African American painters

Types of Materials:

- Interviews
- Sound recordings

Occupations:

- Educators -- Washington (D.C.)
- Museum curators -- Washington (D.C.)
- Painters -- Washington (D.C.)