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Oral history interview with Ray Eames

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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives of American Art
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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.

Available Formats

Transcript available on-line.

Restrictions

Transcript available on the Archives of American Art website.

Biographical / Historical

Ray Eames (1916-1988) was a designer from Venice, California.

Scope and Contents

An interview of Ray Kaiser Eames conducted 1980 July 28-1980 August 20, by Ruth Bowman, for the Archives of American Art, in Venice, California.

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Eames speaks of her childhood; her education at Cranbrook Academy; meeting Charles Eames; methods and styles in furniture design and architecture; and teaching design at the University of California, Los Angeles. She recalls Hans Hofmann, Eliel and Eero Saarinen, Maija Grotell, Marianne Strengell, and Carl Milles.

General

Originally recorded on 4 sound cassettes. Reformatted in 2010 as 8 digital wav file. Duration is 3 hr., 56 min.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- Design
- Designers -- California -- Interviews

Types of Materials:

- Interviews
- Sound recordings

Names:

- Eames, Charles
- Grotell, Maija
- Hofmann, Hans, 1880-1966
- Milles, Carl, 1875-1955
- Saarinen, Eero, 1910-1961
- Saarinen, Eliel, 1873-1950
- Strengell, Marianne, 1909-1998