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Oral history interview with Fritz Eichenberg

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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives of American Art
Title:	Oral history interview with Fritz Eichenberg
Date:	1979 May 14-December 7
Identifier:	AAA.eichen79
Creator:	Eichenberg, Fritz, 1901-1990 (Interviewee) Brown, Robert F. (Interviewer)
Extent:	61 Pages (Transcript)
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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 administrators.

Available Formats

Transcript available on the Archives of American Art website.

Biographical / Historical

Fritz Eichenberg (1901-1990) was an illustrator, cartoonist, and printmaker from Peace Dale, Rhode Island.

Scope and Contents

An interview with Fritz Eichenberg conducted 1979 May 14-1979 December 7, by Robert F. Brown, at the artist's home, in Peace Dale, Rhode Island, for the Archives of American Art.

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Eichenberg discusses his career; his artistic philosophy; various books he has illustrated including, "Jane Eyre," "Wuthering Heights," "The King and I," and "Crime and Punishment"; working with Dorothy Day for the "Catholic Worker"; drawing political cartoons for "The Nation"; working for the WPA; and becoming a Quaker.

General

Originally recorded on 2 sound tape reels. Reformatted in 2010 as 3 digital wav files. Duration is 4 hr., 12 min.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- Illustration of books
- Illustrators -- Rhode Island -- Interviews
- Political cartoons
- Printmakers -- Rhode Island -- Interviews
- Woodwork

Types of Materials:

- Interviews
- Sound recordings