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Oral history interview with Herbert Ferber

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Collection Overview

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Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

This interview was conducted as part of the Archives of American Art's Mark Rothko and his Times oral history project, with funding provided by the Mark Rothko Foundation.

Acquisition Information

Others interviewed on the project (by various interviewers) include: Sonia Allen, Sally Avery, Ben-Zion, Ernest Briggs, Rhys Caparn, Elaine de Kooning, Esther Gottlieb, Juliette Hays, Sidney Janis, Buffie Johnson, Jacob Kainen, Louis Kaufman, Jack Kufeld, Katharine Kuh, Stanley Kunitz, Joseph Liss, Dorothy Miller, Betty Parsons, Wallace Putnam, Rebecca Reis, Maurice Roth, Aaron Siskind, Joseph Solman, Hedda Sterne, Jack Tworkov, Esteban Vicente and Ed Weinstein. Each has been cataloged separately.

Available Formats

Transcript available online.

Restrictions

Transcript available on the Archives of American Art website.

Biographical / Historical

Herbert Ferber (1906-1991) was a sculptor and painter from New York, N.Y.

Scope and Contents

An interview of Herbert Ferber conducted 1981 June 2, by Phyllis Tuchman, for the Archives of American Art's Mark Rothko and His Times oral history project.

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Ferber talks about the development of his friendship with Rothko through the Betty Parsons Gallery and Rothko's personality and habits. He speaks of Rothko's work, particularly the Houston chapel, and his feelings for other artists. He briefly mentions his involvement in the lawsuit against the Marlborough Galleries. He recalls Adolph Gottlieb, Clyfford Still, Barney Newman, Robert Motherwell, William Baziotes, Arshile Gorky, Ad Reinhardt, and many others.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Abstract expressionism
Painters -- New York (State) -- Interviews
Sculptors -- New York (State) -- New York -- Interviews

Types of Materials:

Interviews
Sound recordings

Names:

Baziotes, William, 1912-1963
Betty Parsons Gallery
Gorky, Arshile, 1904-1948
Gottlieb, Adolph, 1903-1974
Mark Rothko and His Times Oral History Project
Marlborough Gallery
Motherwell, Robert
Newman, Barnett, 1905-1970
Reinhardt, Ad, 1913-1967
Rothko Chapel (Houston, Tex.)
Rothko, Mark, 1903-1970
Still, Clyfford, 1904-1980