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A Finding Aid to the Leslie Ferrin and Lyndel King interviews with artists, 2018, in the Archives of American Art

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Collection Overview

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Summary:	Digital audio and video recordings of an interview with ceramicist Michael Simon conducted February 23, 2018 by ceramics dealer Leslie Ferrin and Lyndel King, director and chief curator of the Weisman Art Museum, University of Minnesota at Simon's studio in Athens, Georgia. Also included is a conversation between King and potters Warren MacKenzie and Randy Johnston, and MacKenzie's daughter Tamsyn, March 19, 2018.

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Donated 2018 by Leslie Ferrin.

Processing Information

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Biographical / Historical

Leslie Ferrin (1958-) is the director of Ferrin Contemporary in North Adams, Massachusetts and Ferrin Contemporary Project Art in Cummington, Massachusetts, specializing in contemporary ceramics circa 1950 to the present by artists whose primary medium is clay. Michael Simon was a functional ceramicist (1947-2021) in Athens, Georgia. He received his B.F.A. from the University of Minnesota and M.F.A. from the University of Georgia. His work can be found in the Los Angeles County Museum, the Minneapolis Institute of Arts, and is in The Rodger Corsaw Collection of Ceramic Art at Alfred University. Lyndel King is the retired long-term director and chief curator of the Weisman Art Museum at the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Warren MacKenzie (1924-2018) was a functional ceramicist and educator based in Stillwater, Minnesota.

Scope and Contents

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Arrangement

Due to the small size of this collection the papers are arranged as one series.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Ceramicists -- Massachusetts -- Interviews
Mingei (Art)

Types of Materials:

Interviews
Sound recordings

Names:

MacKenzie, Warren, 1924-2018
Simon, Michael, 1947-

Occupations:

Ceramicists -- Georgia
Ceramicists -- Minnesota -- Stillwater

Container Listing

Series 1: Leslie Ferrin and Lyndel King interviews with artists, 2018

5.89 Gigabytes (ER01-ER03)

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Folder ER01 Michael Simon Interview (2018 February 23), Digital Video Recording, 2018
2.74 Gigabytes (Five computer files)

Folder ER02 Michael Simon Interview (2018 February 23), Digital Audio Recording, 2018
1.92 Gigabytes (One computer file)

Folder ER03 Warren MacKenzie and Randy Johnston Conversation (2018 March 19), Digital
Audio Recording, 2018
1.22 Gigabytes (Two computer files)

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