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Oral history interview with Janet I. Fish

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Collection Overview

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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 others.

Available Formats

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

Restrictions

This interview is open for research. Contact Reference Services for more information.

Biographical / Historical

Janet I. Fish (1938-) is a painter from Bermuda and New England. She lives and works in New York, N.Y.

Scope and Contents

An interview of Janet Fish conducted 1988 Jan. 30-Mar. 2, by Barbara Shikler, for the Archives of American Art. Fish, a New York artist, discusses her family background; growing up in Bermuda; her education at Yale Art School; her techniques, process, and materials; the evolution of her work; realist painting; feminism, and female representation

in the art world. She recalls associations with New York galleries Ours Gallery and 55 Mercer Gallery, as well as artists Richard Serra, Chuck Close, Jill Kornblee, Alex Katz, and Esteban Vicente.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- Feminism and art
- Realism in art
- Women artists
- Women painters

Types of Materials:

- Interviews
- Sound recordings

Names:

- Close, Chuck, 1940-
- Katz, Alex, 1927-
- Kornblee, Jill
- Serra, Richard, 1938-
- Vicente, Esteban, 1903-2001

Occupations:

- Painters -- New York (State) -- New York