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A Finding Aid to the Robin Forbes Slides of SoHo, 1975-1976

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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives of American Art
Title:	Robin Forbes slides of SoHo
Date:	1975 - 1976
Identifier:	AAA.forrobi
Creator:	Forbes, Robin
Extent:	0.4 Linear feet
Language:	The collection is in English.
Summary:	The Robin Forbes Slides of SoHo collection measures 0.4 linear feet and consists entirely of 35mm color slides of the SoHo District of New York City, taken between 1975-1976. Depicted are street scenes of Spring Street, Prince Street, West Broadway, and other streets in SoHo; SoHo faces taken on West Broadway; businesses including the Spring Street Bar, the OH HO SO bar, Fanelli's Bar, Parcelso, The Cheese Store, Clockmaker/Miso, and the SoHo Weekly News staff; gallery installations, including Robert Morris and Robert Smithson exhibitions; artists working in SoHo studios including Margery Bihan, Rosemarie Castoro, Marisol, and unknown artists, and dance performances and poetry readings.

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

The collection was donated in 1988 by the estate of Robin Forbes via executor Jeremiah O. Bragstad.

Available Formats

This collection has been digitized in its entirety and is available on the Archives of American Art's website.

Processing Information

The collection was minimally processed by Barbara Aikens in 2013.

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Biographical / Historical

Robin Forbes (d. 1982) was a photographer working in the SoHo district of New York City in the mid-1970s. He captured numerous images of street scenes, artists, studios, exhibition installations, lofts, people, performances, and businesses of the era.

Scope and Contents

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Arrangement

Due to its small size, this collection has been arranged into one series. Box numbers in the finding aid container listing represent archival slide storage containers housed in one larger box. Within each new container, groupings of slides are titled and arranged according to the handwritten labels found on the original slide boxes. These groupings are listed as folders in the finding aid.

- Series 1: Slides of SoHo, 1975-1976 (Box 1; 0.4 linear feet)

Names and Subject Terms

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

Types of Materials:

Slides

Names:

Bihan, Margery
Castoro, Rosemarie
Marisol, 1930-2016

Morris, Robert, 1931-2018
Smithson, Robert

Places:

SoHo (New York, N.Y.)

Container Listing

Series 1: Slides of SoHo, 1975-1976

0.4 Linear feet (Box 1)

Arrangement: This series has been scanned in its entirety.

Box 1, Folder 1	SoHo Faces, West Broadway, 1975-1976
Box 1, Folder 2	Artists in Studios, Margery Bihan, 1975-1976
Box 1, Folder 3	Artists in Studios, Rosemarie Castoro, 1975-1976
Box 1, Folder 4	Artists in Studios, Marisol, 1975-1976
Box 1, Folder 5	Artists in Studios, Unidentified Artists, 1975-1976 Notes: (Contains images of artist Jack Lembeck).
Box 2, Folder 1	SoHo Gallery Installations, Smithson/Morris, 1975-1976
Box 2, Folder 2	SoHo Gallery Installations, Unidentified, 1975-1976
Box 2, Folder 3	SoHo Performances, Dance and Poetry, 1975-1976
Box 3, Folder 1	SoHo Businesses, Spring St. Bar, 1975-1976
Box 3, Folder 2	SoHo Businesses, OH HO SO, 1975-1976
Box 3, Folder 3	SoHo Businesses, Fanelli's Bar, 1975-1976
Box 3, Folder 4	SoHo Businesses, Parocelso, 1975-1976
Box 3, Folder 5	SoHo Businesses, The Cheese Store, 1975-1976
Box 3, Folder 6	SoHo Businesses, Clockmaker/Miso, 1975-1976
Box 4, Folder 1	SoHo Newspaper, SoHo Weekly News Staff, 1975-1976
Box 4, Folder 2	SoHo District, 1975-1976
Box 4, Folder 3	SoHo District, 1975-1976
Box 4, Folder 4	SoHo District, 1975-1976
Box 4, Folder 5	SoHo District, 1975-1976

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