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Oral history interview with Tage Frid

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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives of American Art
Title:	Oral history interview with Tage Frid
Date:	1980 June 24-1982 February 22
Identifier:	AAA.frid80
Creator:	Frid, Tage (Interviewee) Brown, Robert F. (Interviewer)
Extent:	167 Pages (Transcript)
Language:	English .
Digital Content:	Digital Content: Oral history interview with Tage Frid, 1980 June 24-1982 February 22, Transcript Audio: Oral history interview with Tage Frid, 1980 June 24-1982 February 22, Digital Sound Recording (Excerpt)

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

These interviews are part of the Archives of American Art 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.

Biographical / Historical

Tage Frid (1915-2004) was a designer, craftsman, and educator from Foster, R.I.

Scope and Contents

An interview of Tage Frid conducted 1980 June 24-1982 February 22, by Robert F. Brown, for the Archives of American Art.

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Frid speaks of his training in Denmark; his early career; his apprenticeship in a woodworking shop in Copenhagen; craft education and production in the 1930s in Denmark; his work in interior design; his work under Hans Wegner in the 1940s; teaching positions at the School for American Craftsmen in Rochester, N.Y. and the Rhode Island School of Design; the development of an extensive design practice in New York state in the 1950s; his involvement as an exhibitor and juror; private commissions; and mass productions.

General

Originally recorded on 3 sound tape reels as 6 digital wav files. Duration is 6 hrs., 28 min.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- Artisans -- Rhode Island -- Interviews
- Decorative arts
- Design
- Designers -- Rhode Island -- Interviews
- Educators -- Rhode Island -- Interviews

Types of Materials:

- Interviews
- Sound recordings

Names:

- Rhode Island School of Design
- School for American Crafts
- Wegner, Hans J., 1914-