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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives of American Art
Title:	Frank Gasparro interview
Identifier:	AAA.gaspfran
Date:	1990 May 17
Creator:	Gasparro, Frank, 1909- Shopes, Linda (Interviewer)
Extent:	4 Items (sound cassettes)
Language:	English .

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Donated by the Pennsylvania State Archives, 1991.

Restrictions

Untranscribed; use requires an appointment.

Biographical / Historical

Sculptor; Pennsylvania. Worked on Federal Art Project in Pennsylvania.

Scope and Contents

An interview of Frank Gasparro conducted by Linda Shopes. Gasparro speaks of his early life including his studies with Giuseppe Donato; struggling through the Depression carving cemetery monuments; his successful application to the Federal Art Project (FAP) and his experiences while working with it; projects he worked on with the FAP and how they were assigned; how the project functioned; relations with other artists; political problems involving the Pennsylvania state director of the FAP, Mary Curran, and the Artists Union; and his subsequent work for the U.S. Mint.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Art and state
Depressions -- 1929
Federal aid to the arts
Sculptors -- Pennsylvania -- Interviews

Types of Materials:

Interviews
Sound recordings

Names:

Artists' Union (Philadelphia, Pa.)
Curran, Mary
Donato, Giuseppe, 1881-1965
Federal Art Project (Pa.)