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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	Archives of American Art
<b>Title:</b>	Augustus Goertz papers
<b>Identifier:</b>	AAA.goeraugu
<b>Date:</b>	1931-1993 (bulk 1977-1984)
<b>Extent:</b>	2 Linear feet
<b>Creator:</b>	Goertz, Augustus F. (Augustus Frederick), 1909-1995
<b>Language:</b>	English

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## Administrative Information

### Acquisition Information

This collection was donated in 2007 and in 2008 by Yvette Goertz Janssen, Goertz's daughter.

### Restrictions

Use of original papers requires an appointment and is limited to the Archives' Washington, D.C., Research Center. Contact Reference Services for more information.

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## Biographical / Historical

Augustus Goerts was an abstract painter and WPA muralist in New York, N.Y. He organized the 1977 exhibition "New York City WPA Art: Then 1934-1943 and... Now 1966-1977," and subsequently founded the New York City WPA Artists, Inc.

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## Scope and Contents

Papers mainly documenting Goertz's involvement with the 1977 exhibition "New York City WPA Art: Then 1934-1943 and... Now 1966-1977" and the New York City WPA Artists, Inc. organization. Included are correspondence with Lee Krasner, Ibram Lassaw, Paul Cadmus, and William Meyerowitz; artist files; minutes of meetings and administrative files of the organization; installation photographs and photographs of works of art; guest books; and printed material including an exhibition catalog and poster pertaining to the exhibition. Also included are scattered personal papers including biographical information, photographs of Goertz and his family, and sketches by Goertz.

## Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Art -- Exhibitions -- New York (State) -- New York  
Federal aid to the arts -- United States

Names:

Cadmus, Paul, 1904-1999  
Krasner, Lee, 1908-1984  
Lassaw, Ibram, 1913-2003  
Meyerowitz, William, 1887-1981  
New York City WPA Artists, Inc.  
United States. Work Projects Administration  
United States. Works Progress Administration