



# Smithsonian

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Stanley and Elyse Grinstein papers

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	Archives of American Art
<b>Title:</b>	Stanley and Elyse Grinstein papers
<b>Identifier:</b>	AAA.grinstan
<b>Date:</b>	circa 1960-2015
<b>Creator:</b>	Grinstein, Stanley, 1927-2014
<b>Extent:</b>	1.5 Linear feet
<b>Language:</b>	English .

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## Administrative Information

### Acquisition Information

Donated 2017 by the Grinstein family, via Ayn Grinstein, Ellen Grinstein Perliter, and Nancy Grinstein, executors.

### Restrictions

Use of original papers requires an appointment and is limited to the Archives' Washington, D.C., Research Center.

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## Biographical / Historical

Stanley Grinstein (1927-2014) and Elyse Grinstein (1929-2016) were art collectors and philanthropists in Los Angeles, California. Elyse Grinstein was also an architect and owned the Los Angeles architectural firm Grinstein/ Daniels.

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## Scope and Contents

Letters from artists and printed material regarding the Grinstein's art collection.

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Letters are from artists with work in the Grinstein collection, or who were family friends, including Claes Oldenburg, Richard Serra, John Baldessari, Frank Gehry, Philip Glass, and others. Printed material includes clippings about the Grinsteins and their collection, announcements and posters for exhibitions, with some ephemera related to Elyse's years as an architect or her training at UCLA.

## Names and Subject Terms

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

### Subjects:

Architecture -- Study and teaching  
Art -- Collectors and collecting -- California -- Los Angeles

### Names:

Baldessari, John, 1931-  
Gehry, Frank O., 1929-  
Glass, Philip  
Grinstein, Elyse, 1929-2016  
Oldenburg, Claes, 1929-  
Serra, Richard, 1938-

### Occupations:

Architects -- California -- Los Angeles  
Philanthropists