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Blum Helman and Joseph Helman
Gallery Records, circa 1969-2003

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Collection Overview

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| Repository: | Archives of American Art |
| Title: | Blum Helman and Joseph Helman Gallery Records |
| Date: | circa 1969-2003 |
| Identifier: | AAA.helmlblum |
| Creator: | Helman, Joseph A. (1937) |
| Extent: | 125 Linear feet |
| Language: | English . |

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Donated in 2023 by Joseph and Ursula Helman.

Restrictions

Client files (boxes 1-25) and financial ledgers and bank statements (boxes 41-42) are access restricted; written permission is required. Contact Reference Services for more information. Access to original papers requires an appointment and is limited to the Archives' Washington, D.C. Research Center. Researchers interested in accessing audiovisual recordings and born-digital records in this collection must use access copies. Contact References Services for more information.

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Biographical / Historical

Blum Helman Gallery and Joseph Helman Gallery were art galleries in New York, New York, St. Louis, Missouri and Los Angeles, California. From 1968-1972, Joseph Helman owned and operated the Joseph Helman Gallery in St. Louis. Helman subsequently sold the Gallery to Ron Greenberg. In 1974 Helman opened the Blum Helman gallery in New York and Los Angeles with Peter Blum. In 1995, Blum retired, and the Gallery became Joseph Helman until it close in 2002.

Scope and Contents

The Blum Helman and Joseph Helman Gallery records measure 125 linear feet and date from circa 1969-2003. The collection includes records from Joseph Helman Gallery in St. Louis, Blum Helman Gallery locations in New York and Los Angeles, and the Joseph Helman Gallery in New York. Material includes extensive artist files; client files; exhibition files; registrar records (including loan and shipping records); diaries and phone logs; correspondence; inventory cards; other business records; and photographs of artworks. Artists represented include Joe Andoe, John Duff, Bryan Hunt, Richard Serra, Ellsworth Kelly, Robert Moskowitz, Donald Judd, Andy Warhol, Roy Lichtenstein, Richard Tuttle, William Baziotas, Donald Sultan, Dennis Oppenheim, Edda Renouf, and many others.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Names:

Blum Helman Gallery
Joseph Helman Gallery

Functions:

Art galleries -- California
Art galleries, Commercial -- Missouri -- Saint Louis
Art galleries, Commercial -- New York (State)

Container Listing

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125 Linear feet

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