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Oral history interview with William Hesthal

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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives of American Art
Title:	Oral history interview with William Hesthal
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Identifier:	AAA.hestha64
Creator:	Hesthal, William, 1908- (Interviewee) McChesney, Mary Fuller (Interviewer) New Deal and the Arts Oral History Project
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Language:	English .
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Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Conducted as part of the Archives of American Art's New Deal and the Arts project, which includes over 400 interviews of artists, administrators, historians, and others involved with the federal government's art programs and the activities of the Farm Security Administration in the 1930s and early 1940s.

Available Formats

Transcript available on line at <http://www.aaa.si.edu/collections/oralhistories/transcripts/hestha64.htm>

Restrictions

Transcript available on the Archives of American Art website.

Biographical / Historical

Painter; San Francisco, Calif.

Scope and Contents

An interview of William Hesthal conducted by Mary Fuller McChesney on 1964 Dec. 22 for the Archives of American Art.

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Hesthal speaks of his art education; working on the easel and lithography projects for the Federal Art Project; surrealist influences on the FAP artists; and his opinions on federally sponsored art programs.

General

Sound quality is poor.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- Federal aid to the arts
- Painters -- California -- San Francisco -- Interviews
- Printmakers -- California -- San Francisco -- Interviews

Types of Materials:

- Interviews
- Sound recordings

Names:

- Federal Art Project (Calif.)
- New Deal and the Arts Oral History Project