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## Oral history interview with Lewis Iselin

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	Archives of American Art
<b>Title:</b>	Oral history interview with Lewis Iselin
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<b>Creator:</b>	Iselin, Lewis, 1913-1990 (Interviewee) Brown, Robert F. (Interviewer)
<b>Extent:</b>	1 Item (Sound recording: 1 sound file; digital, wav file) 23 Pages (Transcript)
<b>Language:</b>	English .
<b>Digital Content:</b>	<a href="#">Digital Content: Oral history interview with Lewis Iselin, 1981 September 30, Transcript</a> <a href="#">Audio: Oral history interview with Lewis Iselin, 1981 September 30, Digital Sound Recording (Excerpt)</a>

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## Administrative Information

### Acquisition Information

This interview is part of the Archives of American Art Oral History Program, started in 1958 to document the history of the visual arts in the United States, primarily through interviews with artists, historians, dealers, critics and others.

### Available Formats

Transcript is available on the Archives of American Art's website.

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## Biographical / Historical

Lewis Iselin (1913-1990) was a sculptor from Camden, Maine.

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## Scope and Contents

Interview of Lewis Iselin, conducted 1981 September 30 by Robert F. Brown for the Archives of American Art, Smithsonian Institution, in Camden, Maine.

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Iselin speaks of his role as a trustee of the Guggenheim and Tiffany Foundations, the Saint-Gaudens Memorial, and the Haystack Mountain School of Crafts; his own work of modeling in wax; and his "sculpture

to wear." Iselin also recalls Henry Geldzahler, Robert Motherwell, Henry Allen Moe, Ron Pearson, Paul Smith and others.

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## System Details

Originally recorded on 1 tape reel (5 in.).

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## Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- Museums -- United States -- Trustees -- Interviews
- Sculptors -- Maine -- Interviews
- Wax-modeling -- United States
- Wearable art -- United States

Types of Materials:

- Interviews
- Sound recordings

Names:

- Geldzahler, Henry
- Haystack Mountain School of Crafts
- Louis Comfort Tiffany Foundation
- Moe, Henry Allen, 1894-1975
- Motherwell, Robert
- Pearson, Ronald H. (Ronald Hayes), 1924-1996
- Saint-Gaudens Memorial (Organization)
- Smith, Paul J., 1931-
- Solomon R. Guggenheim Foundation