



# Smithsonian

*Archives of American Art*

[Photographs of artists taken  
by Mimi Jacobs, photographer]

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	Archives of American Art
<b>Title:</b>	[Photographs of artists taken by Mimi Jacobs, photographer]
<b>Date:</b>	1971-1981
<b>Identifier:</b>	AAA.jacomimi
<b>Creator:</b>	Jacobs, Mimi (Photographer)
<b>Extent:</b>	140 Items (photographic prints; b&w)
<b>Language:</b>	Undetermined .

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## Administrative Information

### Acquisition Information

Donated 1976-1992 by Mimi Jacobs. Additional photos, many of them duplicates of previous donations, were donated in 1999 by Leslie Fleming, Jacobs' daughter, for the Estate.

### Other Finding Aids

Inventory of photographs available at Archives of American Art offices.

### Available Formats

35mm microfilm reels 1195 & 2759 available at Archives of American Art offices and through interlibrary loan.

### Restrictions

Use of original papers requires an appointment and is limited to the Archives' Washington, D.C., Research Center. Microfilmed materials must be consulted on microfilm. Contact Reference Services for more information.

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## Biographical / Historical

Photographer; Kentfield, Calif.; b. 1911; d. April 1, 1999. Known in the San Francisco Bay Area for her portraits of prominent local figures, many of whom were artists. She eventually expanded her scope beyond Northern California to include artists in the Los Angeles region as well. These images were widely reproduced in books and in exhibitions and in many cases became the portraits by which the individuals were best known. Among her subjects were Ed Ruscha, Robert Graham, Peter Voulkos, Joan Brown, Isamu Noguchi, Jay DeFeo, Wayne Thiebaud, Imogen Cunningham, and Richard Diebenkorn. Several exhibitions were devoted to the photographs as independent works of art, an acknowledgement of their pictorial qualities as well as their value as documents.

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## Scope and Contents

Photographs of artists, many from the San Francisco Bay Area, taken by Mimi Jacobs.

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Artists photographed: Ansel Adams, Robert Arneson, Ruth Asawa, Billy Al Bengston, Fletcher Benton, Robert Bechtle, J. B. Blunk, William Brice, Joan Brown, Imogen Cunningham, Jay De Feo, Eleanor Dickinson, Richard Diebenkorn, Laddie John Dill, Archeliat Esherick, Sam Francis, David Gilhooly, Joseph Goldyne, Robert Graham, Henry Hopkins, Robert B. Howard, John Ihle, Robert Irwin, Allen Jones, Alvin Light, Lee Mullican, Isamu Noguchi, Howard Paris, Joseph Raffael, Fred Reichman, Ed Ruscha, Betye Saar, Raymond Saunders, Richard Shaw, Louis Siegriest, Nell Sinton, Wayne Thiebaud, DeWain Valentine, Leo Valledor, Carlos Villa, Peter Voulkos, William T. Wiley, Emerson Woelffer.

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Photographs of Mark Adams, William Allan, Jeremy Anderson, Ruth Armer, Charles Arnoldi, Dennis Beall, Bruce Beasley, Tony Berlant, Elmer Bischoff, Vija Celmins, Judy Chicago, Bruce Conner, Roy de Forest, Tony DeLap, Guy Dill, Claire Falkenstein, Gerald Gooch, Russell Gordon, Wally Hedrick, Tom Holland, Robert Hudson, Robert Emory Johnson, Frank Lobdell, Robert Craig Kaufman, Richard McLean, Bill Martin, Manuel Neri, Bruce Nauman, Nathan Oliveira, Mel Ramos, Sam Richardson, Michael Todd, Julius Wasserstein, Paul Wonner and Norman Zammitt.

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In 1999, additional photographs were donated including many duplicates of the previous donations. These include 50 mounted photographs of West Coast artists, twenty-four of which were exhibited in 1980 at the Museum of Contemporary Art, Los Angeles, and published in *50 West Coast Artists: A Critical Selection of Painters and Sculptors* (1981, Chronicle Books). Photographs are of Ansel Adams, Robert Arneson, Billy Al Bengston, Robert Bechtle, Fletcher Benton, J. B. Blunk, William Brice, Joan Brown, Imogen Cunningham, Jay De Feo, Eleanor Dickinson, Richard Diebenkorn, Laddie John Dill, Archeliat Esherick, Sam Francis, David Gilhooly, Joseph Goldyne, Robert Graham, Henry Hopkins, Robert Howard, John Ihle, Robert Irwin, Allen Jones, Alvin Light, Lee Mullican, Isamu Noguchi, Howard Paris, Joseph Raffael, Fred Reichman, Ed Ruscha, Betye Saar, Richard Shaw, Louis Siegrist, Nell Sinton, Wayne Thiebaud, De Wain Valentine, Leo Valledor, Carlos Villa, Peter Voulkos, William Wiley, and Emerson Woeffler.

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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:

Artists -- California -- Photographs  
Artists -- California -- Portraits

Names:

Adams, Ansel, 1902-1984 -- Photographs  
Adams, Mark, 1925-2006 -- Photographs  
Allan, William George, 1936- -- Photographs  
Anderson, Jeremy, 1921-1982 -- Photographs  
Armer, Ruth, 1896-1977 -- Photographs  
Arneson, Robert, 1930-1992  
Arnoldi, Charles, 1946- -- Photographs

Asawa, Ruth -- Photographs  
Beall, Dennis Ray, 1929- -- Photographs  
Beasley, Bruce, 1939- -- Photographs  
Bechtle, Robert, 1932-2020 -- Photographs  
Bengston, Billy Al -- Photographs  
Benton, Fletcher, 1931- -- Photographs  
Berlant, Anthony -- Photographs  
Bischoff, Elmer, 1916-1991 -- Photographs  
Blunk, J. B., 1926- -- Photographs  
Brice, William, 1921-2008 -- Photographs  
Brown, Joan, 1938-1990  
Celmins, Vija, 1938- -- Photographs  
Chicago, Judy, 1939- -- Photographs  
Conner, Bruce, 1933-2008 -- Photographs  
Cunningham, Imogen, 1883-1976 -- Photographs  
De Forest, Roy, 1930-2007 -- Photographs  
DeFeo, Jay, 1929-1989 -- Photographs  
DeLap, Tony, 1927-2019 -- Photographs  
Dickinson, Eleanor, 1931- -- Photographs  
Diebenkorn, Richard, 1922-1993 -- Photographs  
Dill, Guy, 1946- -- Photographs  
Falkenstein, Claire, 1908-1997 -- Photographs  
Francis, Sam, 1923- -- Photographs  
Gilhooly, David -- Photographs  
Goldyne, Joseph R.  
Gooch, Gerald -- Photographs  
Gordon, Russell Talbert, 1936- -- Photographs  
Graham, Robert, 1938- -- Photographs  
Hedrick, Wally, 1928-2003 -- Photographs  
Holland, Tom, 1936- -- Photographs  
Hopkins, Henry, 1928-2009  
Howard, Robert Boardman, 1896-1983 -- Photographs  
Hudson, Robert, 1938- -- Photographs  
Ihle, John Livingston, 1925- -- Photographs  
Irwin, Robert, 1928- -- Photographs  
Johnson, Robert E. (Robert Emory), 1932- -- Photographs  
Kauffman, Craig, 1932-2010  
Light, Alvin, 1931- -- Photographs  
Lobdell, Frank, 1921- -- Photographs  
Martin, Bill, 1943- -- Photographs  
McLean, Richard Thorpe, 1934- -- Photographs  
Mullican, Lee, 1919-1998 -- Photographs  
Nauman, Bruce, 1941- -- Photographs  
Neri, Manuel, 1930- -- Photographs  
Noguchi, Isamu, 1904-1988 -- Photographs  
Oliveira, Nathan, 1928-2010 -- Photographs  
Paris, Harold, 1925-1979 -- Photographs  
Raffael, Joseph, 1933- -- Photographs  
Ramos, Mel, 1935-2018 -- Photographs  
Reichman, Fred, 1925- -- Photographs  
Richardson, Sam, 1934- -- Photographs  
Ruscha, Edward -- Photographs  
Saar, Betye -- Photographs  
Saunders, Raymond, 1934- -- Photographs

Shaw, Richard, 1941 Sept. 12- -- Photographs  
Siegriest, Louis B., 1899- -- Photographs  
Sinton, Nell, 1910-1997 -- Photographs  
Thiebaud, Wayne -- Photographs  
Todd, Mike, 1935- -- Photographs  
Valledor, Leo, 1936-1989 -- Photographs  
Villa, Carlos, 1936-2013 -- Photographs  
Voukos, Peter, 1924-2002 -- Photographs  
Wasserstein, Julius -- Photographs  
Wiley, William T., 1937-2021  
Woelffer, Emerson, 1914- -- Photographs  
Wonner, Paul, 1920-2008 -- Photographs  
Zammit, Norman, 1931- -- Photographs

Occupations:

Photographers -- California