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Collection Overview

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Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

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Acquisition Information

Others interviewed on the project (by various interviewers) include: Sonia Allen, Sally Avery, Ben-Zion, Bernard Braddon, Ernest Briggs, Rhys Caparn, Elaine de Kooning, Herbert Ferber, Esther Gottlieb, Juliette Hays, Buffie Johnson, Jacob Kainen, Louis Kaufman, Jack Kufeld, Katharine Kuh, Stanley Kunitz, Joseph Liss, Dorothy Miller, Betty Parsons, Wallace Putnam, Rebecca Reis, Maurice Roth, Sidney Schectman, Aaron Siskind, Joseph Solman, Hedda Sterne, Jack Tworikov, Esteban Vicente and Ed Weinstein. Each has been cataloged separately.

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Biographical / Historical

Sidney Janis (1896-1989) was an art dealer from New York, N.Y. Operated the Sidney Janis Gallery.

Scope and Contents

Interview of Sidney Janis, conducted on October 15 and November 18, 1981, by Avis Berman, for the Archives of American Art's Mark Rothko and His Times oral history project, at Janis' gallery, in New York, N.Y. Janis speaks of Mark Rothko life, including those who he was friends with, such as Marcel Duchamp, Max Ernst, Willem de Kooning, and Andre Breton. He recalls Rothko's work ethic and his descent into depression later in life.

Names and Subject Terms

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

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