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Oral history interview with Luis Jimenez

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Collection Overview

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Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

This interview is part of the Archives' 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.

Restrictions

Transcript available on the Archives of American Art website.

Biographical / Historical

Luis Jimenez (1940-2006) was an American sculptor of Mexican descent from Hondo, N.M. Born in El Paso, Tex.

Scope and Contents

An interview of Luis Jimenez conducted 1985 Dec. 15-17, by Peter Bermingham, in Tuscon, Ariz., for the Archives of American Art.

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Jimenez speaks of his family and ancestral background; his father's artistic ability and work as a neon sign maker; starting out in the architecture program at the University of Texas, and later changing to the art

program; moving to New York City, and getting his sculpture career started there; meeting and working with Seymour Lipton; selling his work and getting established in galleries; the inspirations for and the development of some of his pieces; the influence of pop art; returning to the Southwest; the importance and influence of his Mexican ancestry; personal images and reflections in his work. He recalls Alfonso Ossorio.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- Art, American
- Latino and Latin American artists
- Pop art
- Sculptors -- New Mexico -- Hondo -- Interviews

Types of Materials:

- Interviews
- Sound recordings

Names:

- Lipton, Seymour, 1903-1986
- Ossorio, Alfonso, 1916-1990
- University of Texas -- Students