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Oral history interview with Reuben Kadish

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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives of American Art
Title:	Oral history interview with Reuben Kadish
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Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

These interviews are 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 administrators.

Available Formats

Transcript available on line

Restrictions

Transcript available on the Archives of American Art website.

Biographical / Historical

Reuben Kadish (1913-1992) was a painter, sculptor, and mural painter from New York, N.Y.

Scope and Contents

An interview of Reuben Kadish conducted 1992 Apr. 15, by Stephen Polcari, for the Archives of American Art. Kadish discusses designing murals for the WPA in the 1930s; working as an artist in the South Pacific for the U.S. Army during World War II; the N.Y. art scene in the 1940s; and his views on government support of the arts and on art censorship. He recalls Jackson Pollock.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Art and state
Art and war
Mural painting and decoration, American
Muralists -- New York (State) -- New York -- Interviews
Painters -- New York (State) -- New York -- Interviews
Painting, Modern -- 20th century -- New York (State) -- New York
Sculptors -- New York (State) -- New York -- Interviews
Sculpture, Modern -- 20th century -- New York (State) -- New York

Types of Materials:

Interviews
Sound recordings

Names:

Pollock, Jackson, 1912-1956