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Oral history interview with Allan Kaprow

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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives of American Art
Title:	Oral history interview with Allan Kaprow
Date:	1981 Feb. 5-18
Identifier:	AAA.kaprow81
Creator:	Kaprow, Allan (Interviewee) Roth, Moira (Interviewer)
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Digital Content:	Digital Content: Oral history interview with Allan Kaprow, 1981 Feb. 5-18, Transcript Audio: Oral history interview with Allan Kaprow, 1981 Feb. 5-18, Digital Sound Recording (Excerpt)

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

These interviews are 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.

Available Formats

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

Restrictions

This transcript is open for research. Access to the entire recording is restricted. Contact Reference Services for more information.

Biographical / Historical

Allen Kaprow (1927-2006) was a painter and educator from Los Angeles, Calif.

Scope and Contents

An interview of Allan Kaprow conducted 1981 Feb. 5-18, by Moira Roth, for the Archives of American Art.

Scope and Contents

Kaprow speaks of his family background and the early development of his interest in art; his education at New York University; meeting Meyer Schapiro; his friendship with George Segal; the development of his personal style and of his performance art and Happenings; his teaching career; his views on education; his personal philosophies.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- Educators -- California -- Los Angeles -- Interviews
- Happenings (Art)
- Painters -- California -- Los Angeles -- Interviews

Types of Materials:

- Interviews
- Sound recordings

Names:

- Cage, John, 1912-1992
- Callahan, Harry M.
- Hofmann, Hans, 1880-1966
- Ono, Yōko
- Pollock, Jackson, 1912-1956
- Samaras, Lucas, 1936-
- Schapiro, Meyer, 1904-
- Segal, George, 1924-2000