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A Finding Aid to the Maryna Kaston Papers, 1975-1976, in the Archives of American Art

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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives of American Art
Title:	Maryna Kaston papers
Date:	1975-1976
Identifier:	AAA.kastmary
Creator:	Kaston, Maryna
Extent:	0.2 Linear feet
Language:	English .
Summary:	The scattered papers of sculptor and art dealer Maryna Kaston measure 0.2 linear feet and date from 1975 to 1976. The papers focus on Kaston's work to commission, fundraise for, and install a bronze bust of Arthur Rubinstein by Nathan Rapoport in Carnegie Hall.

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Maryna Kaston donated her papers to the Archives of American Art in 1981.

Processing Information

The collection was processed, and a finding aid prepared by Jayna Josefson in 2022 with support from the Smithsonian American Women's History Initiative.

Preferred Citation

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Restrictions

This collection is open for research. Access to original papers requires an appointment and is limited to the Archives' Washington, D.C. Research Center.

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Biographical / Historical

Sculptor and art dealer Maryna Kaston (1913-1989) was born in Poland and settled in New York City, New York. She was active in the Polish community of New York City which led to her acquaintance with pianist Arthur Rubinstein.

Scope and Contents

The scattered papers of sculptor and art dealer Maryna Kaston measure 0.2 linear feet and date from 1975 to 1976. The papers focus on Kaston's work to commission, fundraise for, and install a bronze bust of Arthur Rubinstein by Nathan Rapoport in Carnegie Hall.

Arrangement

Due to the small size of this collection the papers are arranged as one series.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- Women art dealers
- Women artists
- Women sculptors

Names:

- Rapoport, Nathan, 1911-
- Rubinstein, Artur, 1887-

Occupations:

- Art dealers -- New York (State) -- New York
- Sculptors -- New York (State) -- New York

Container Listing

Series 1: Maryna Kaston Papers, 1975-1976

0.2 Linear feet (Box 1)

Scope and Contents: Found are papers regarding Maryna Kaston's efforts to commission, fundraise for, and install a bronze bust of Arthur Rubinstein by Nathan Rapoport in Carnegie Hall. Correspondence consists of Kaston's letters to Leonard Bernstein, the Carnegie Hall Corporation, Van Cliburn, Guarneri Quartet, Hurok Concerts Inc., Zubin Metha, RCA Records, Theodore Steinway, Isaac Stern, and others, and some replies. Also found are photographs of the installation of the bust depicting the sculpture and Kaston and Rubinstein. Printed materials include announcements and clippings about the sculpture.

Box 1, Folder 1	Correspondence, 1975
Box 1, Folder 2	Photographs, 1976 March 11
Box 1, Folder 3	Printed Material, 1976

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