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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives of American Art
Title:	Oral history interview with Paul Keene
Date:	1990 Apr. 23
Identifier:	AAA.keene90
Creator:	Keene, Paul F., Jr., 1920-2009 (Interviewee) Pacini, Marina (Interviewer)
Extent:	3 Sound cassettes (Sound recording) 152 Pages (Transcript)
Language:	English .
Digital Content:	Audio: Oral history interview with Paul Keene, 1990 Apr. 23, Digital Sound Recording (Excerpt)

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.

Available Formats

Transcript: 35mm microfilm reel 4778 available at Archives of American Art offices and through interlibrary loan.

Restrictions

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

Biographical / Historical

Paul F. Keene (1920-2009) was an Afro-American painter and educator from Philadelphia, Pa.

Scope and Contents

An interview of Paul Keene conducted 1990 Apr. 23, by Marina Pacini, for the Archives of American Art Philadelphia Project.

Scope and Contents

Keene discusses his early life, family and education including his studies at the Philadelphia College of Art and Temple University's Tyler Art School; his service during World War II; traveling to Paris on the GI Bill, his studies at the Academie Julian and the founding and operation of Galerie Huit; his travels to Haiti on a Whitney fellowship including a discussion of his time at the Centre d'Art with DeWitt Peters and the Hatian Renaissance; his teaching at the Philadelphia College of Art and Bucks County Community College; and his work.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- African American artists
- African American educators
- African American military personnel
- African American painters

Types of Materials:

- Interviews
- Sound recordings

Names:

- Galerie Huit
- Philadelphia College of Art
- Tyler School of Art

Occupations:

- Educators -- Pennsylvania -- Philadelphia
- Painters -- Pennsylvania -- Philadelphia

Functions:

- Art Schools -- Pennsylvania -- Philadelphia