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## A Finding Aid to the Fay Lansner Papers, 1948-1975, in the Archives of American Art

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## Collection Overview

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| <b>Repository:</b> | Archives of American Art   |
| <b>Title:</b>      | Fay Lansner papers   |
| <b>Date:</b>       | 1948-1975  |
| <b>Identifier:</b> | AAA.lansfay  |
| <b>Creator:</b>    | Lansner, Fay   |
| <b>Extent:</b>     | 0.2 Linear feet  |
| <b>Language:</b>   | English .  |
| <b>Summary:</b>    | The scattered papers of painter and tapestry artist Fay Lansner measure 0.2 linear feet and date from 1948 to 1975. Found are biographical materials including two photographs of Lansner, and printed material. |

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## Administrative Information

### Acquisition Information

Fay Lansner donated her papers to the Archives of American Art in 1973.

### 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

Fay Lansner papers, 1948-1975. Archives of American Art, Smithsonian Institution.

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## Biographical / Historical

Faye Lansner (1912-2010) was a painter and tapissier in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and New York City, New York. She studied at Temple University, Columbia University, Art Students League, and Hans Hofmann School from 1948 to 1950, and also studied in Paris with Fernand Leger. In addition to her artistic career,

Lansner co-founded Women in the Arts (WIA), an organization that sought to change public and institutional attitudes toward women artists.

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## Scope and Contents

The scattered papers of painter and tapissier Fay Lansner measure 0.2 linear feet and date from 1948 to 1975. Found are biographical materials including two photographs of Lansner, and printed material.

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## Arrangement

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

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## Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- Women artists
- Women painters
- Women textile artists

Names:

- Hofmann, Hans, 1880-1966

Occupations:

- Painters -- New York (State) -- New York
- Painters -- Pennsylvania -- Philadelphia
- Tapissiers -- Pennsylvania -- Philadelphia

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## Container Listing

### Series 1: Fay Lansner Papers, 1948-1975

#### *0.2 Linear feet (Box 1)*

Scope and Contents: Biographical materials include a list of 141 works by Lansner, stating medium, dimensions, date painted, date sold, and location; two bibliographies of articles by and about Lansner; two photographs of Lansner; a resume of exhibitions; and notes taken by Lansner during a 1948 class with Hans Hofmann. Also found are clippings and exhibition announcements and catalogs focusing on Lansner's career.

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| Box 1, Folder 1 | Biographical Material, 1948-circa 1973           |
| Box 1, Folder 2 | Clippings, 1955-1972                             |
| Box 1, Folder 3 | Exhibition Announcements and Catalogs, 1955-1975 |

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