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Onya La Tour papers

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	Archives of American Art
<b>Title:</b>	Onya La Tour papers
<b>Date:</b>	1928-1969
<b>Identifier:</b>	AAA.latoonya
<b>Creator:</b>	La Tour, Onya, 1896-1976
<b>Extent:</b>	7 Microfilm reels
<b>Language:</b>	English .

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## Administrative Information

### Acquisition Information

Material lent for microfilming 1973 by the Indianapolis Museum of Art. The Indianapolis Museum of Art also holds additional papers not included on the microfilm.

### Location of Originals

Originals in the Indianapolis Museum of Art, Indianapolis, Indiana.

### Available Formats

35mm microfilm reels 802-808 available for use at Archives of American Art offices and through interlibrary loan.

### Restrictions

The Archives of American art does not own the original papers. Use is limited to the microfilm copy.

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## Biographical / Historical

Art collector, dealer, artists' model; Columbus, Ind. La Tour founded the Indiana Museum for Modern Art, Brown County, Indiana, which no longer exists. She was director of the Federal Art Gallery, N.Y., and the Onya La Tour Gallery, N.Y.

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## Scope and Contents

30 diaries, 1930-1969, some illustrated; files on artists, family members and friends containing correspondence, sketches, biographical information and photographs; correspondence and clippings relating to the Indiana Museum for Modern Art; a scrapbook of sketches by artist friends, mostly by Helen West Heller, photographs, poems and short stories written for her; material relating to the Federal Art Gallery of the WPA, 1936-1937; material relating to the Onya La Tour Gallery, 1938-1939; a proposal for an art gallery in Puerto Rico, and miscellany. Among the correspondents are Rifka Angel, Maurice Becker, David Burliuk,

Stuart Davis, Katherine Dreier, John D. Graham, Helen West Heller, Roy Hirshburg, Joseph Konzal, Larry Lebduska, Guy and Genoi Pettit McCoy, Emanuel Romano; Robert Morris, Ann Goldthwaite and others.

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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:

- Art -- Collectors and collecting
- Federal aid to the arts -- United States

### Names:

- Federal Art Gallery (New York, N.Y.)
- Federal Art Project
- Indiana Museum for Modern Art
- Onya La Tour Gallery

### Occupations:

- Art dealers -- Indiana
- Gallery directors -- New York (State)