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Oral history interview with Sidney Laufman

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Collection Overview

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Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

This interview conducted as part of the Archives of American Art's New Deal and the Arts project, which includes over 400 interviews of artists, administrators, historians, and others involved with the federal government's art programs and the activities of the Farm Security Administration in the 1930s and early 1940s.

Available Formats

Transcript: 35mm microfilm reel 3419 available at Archives of American Art offices and through interlibrary loan.

Restrictions

Transcript: Patrons must use microfilm copy.

Biographical / Historical

Sidney Laufman (1891-1985) was a painter in Sarasota, Fla.

Scope and Contents

An interview of Sidney Laufman conducted 1965 Jan. 29, by Joseph Trovato, for the Archives of American Art.

Scope and Contents

Laufman speaks of his background and education; studying under Robert Henri at the Art Students League; the development of his interest in art; going to Europe in 1920; his first exhibition in Paris; his involvement with the Federal Art Project in Key West, Fla., and later in New York City; how the project functioned; and the effect of the project on him and on his career. He recalls Alfred Barr.

General

Originally recorded on 1 sound tape reel. Reformatted in 2010 as 1 digital wav files. Duration is 37 min.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- Federal aid to the arts
- Painters -- Florida -- Key West -- Interviews
- Painters -- New York (State) -- Interviews

Types of Materials:

- Interviews
- Sound recordings

Names:

- Barr, Alfred H., Jr., 1902-1981
- Federal Art Project (Fla.)
- Federal Art Project (N.Y.)
- Henri, Robert, 1865-1929
- New Deal and the Arts Oral History Project