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Oral history interview with Allen Leepa

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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives of American Art
Title:	Oral history interview with Allen Leepa
Date:	1977 Nov. 18-1978 Nov. 29
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Creator:	Leepa, Allen, 1919-2009 (Interviewee) Barrie, Dennis (Interviewer)
Extent:	71 Pages (Transcript)
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Digital Content:	Audio: Oral history interview with Allen Leepa, 1977 Nov. 18-1978 Nov. 29, Digital Sound Recording (Excerpt)

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

These interviews are part of the Archives of American Art 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.

Restrictions

Use requires an appointment.

Biographical / Historical

Allen Leepa (1919-2009) was a painter and educator from New York, N.Y., Michigan, and Florida.

Scope and Contents

Interview of Allen Leepa conducted 1977 Nov. 18-1978 Nov. 29, by Dennis Barrie, for the Archives of American Art. Leepa discusses the New York art scene of the 1930s and 1940s, the Works Progress Administration, his connections with Abstract Artists of America, working in Michigan and Paris, and his relationship with Abraham Rattner, among others.

General

Originally recorded on 2 sound tape reels. Reformatted in 2010 as 3 digital wav files. Duration is 2 hrs., 55 min.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Art, American
Educators -- United States -- Interviews

Types of Materials:

Interviews
Sound recordings

Occupations:

Painters -- United States -- Interviews