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Oral history interview with Maya Ying Lin

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Collection Overview

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Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

This interview is 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

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Biographical / Historical

Maya Ying Lin (1959-) is a Chinese American architect based in New York, N.Y.

Scope and Contents

An interview of Maya Ying Lin conducted 1983 Mar. 6, by Robert Brown, for the Archives of American Art. Lin speaks of a funerary architecture seminar she took at Yale University; entering her design in the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund's competition; attempts to add a figured sculpture and a flagpole to her design, and her resistance to this effort.

General

Originally recorded on 1 sound cassette. Reformatted in 2010 as 2 digital wav files. Duration is 1 hr., 34 min.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- Asian American architects
- Asian American art
- Asian American artists
- Chinese American art
- Chinese American artists
- Vietnam Veterans Memorial (Washington, D.C.)
- Women architects
- Women artists

Types of Materials:

- Interviews
- Sound recordings

Names:

- Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund

Occupations:

- Architects -- New York (State) -- New York