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Lecture given by Vincent Melzac

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	Archives of American Art
<b>Title:</b>	Lecture given by Vincent Melzac
<b>Date:</b>	1971 July 11
<b>Identifier:</b>	AAA.melzvinc
<b>Creator:</b>	Melzac, Vincent (Speaker)
<b>Extent:</b>	1 Sound tape (7 in.)
<b>Language:</b>	English .

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## Administrative Information

### Acquisition Information

Transferred from the National Collection of Fine Arts, 1984.

### Restrictions

Untranscribed; use requires an appointment.

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## Biographical / Historical

Vincent Melzac (1914-1989) was an art administrator and art collector based in Washington, D.C.

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## Scope and Contents

A lecture given by Vincent Melzac 1971 July 11 at the National Collection of Fine Arts. Melzac speaks of his early friendships with Willem De Kooning and Franz Kline; the development of his art collection; his business career; his appointment to the board of trustees of the Washington Gallery of Modern Art and to the board of governors of the Corcoran Gallery. He discusses the problems facing museums, including fundraising, budgeting, investments, and staff management.

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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 -- Interviews

Types of Materials:

Interviews  
Sound recordings

Names:

De Kooning, Willem, 1904-1997  
Kline, Franz, 1910-1962

Occupations:

Arts administrators -- Washington (D.C.)