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Oral history interview with Amalia Mesa-Bains

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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives of American Art
Title:	Oral history interview with Amalia Mesa-Bains
Date:	2019 Nov. 3 and 4
Identifier:	AAA.mesa19
Creator:	Mesa-Bains, Amalia (Interviewee) Zavala, Adriana, 1964- (Interviewer)
Extent:	9 Items (sound files (5 hrs., 6 min.) Audio; digital, wav) 101 Pages (Transcript)
Language:	English .
Digital Content:	Digital Content: Oral history interview with Amalia Mesa-Bains, 2019 Nov. 3 and 4, Transcript

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 administrators.

Available Formats

Transcript is available on the Archives of American Art's website.

Restrictions

This interview is open for research. Contact Reference Services for more information.

Biographical / Historical

Interviewee Amalia Mesa-Bains (1943-) is a visual artist and educator in San Juan Bautista, Calif. Interviewer Adriana Zavala (1964-) is an Associate Professor in the Department of History of Art and Architecture at Tufts University in Medford, Massachusetts.

Scope and Contents

An interview with Amalia Mesa-Bains conducted 2019 Nov. 3 and 4, by Adriana Zavala, for the Archives of American Art, at Mesa-Bains's studio in San Juan Bautista, Calif.

System Details

Recorded on Tascam DR- 100MKII R000329

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- Chicano artists
- Installations (Art)
- Latino and Latin American artists
- Political activists
- Women artists
- Women educators

Types of Materials:

- Interviews
- Sound recordings

Occupations:

- Installation artists -- California -- San Juan Bautista