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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives of American Art
Title:	Oral history interview with Ray Metzker
Date:	1991 Apr. 30
Identifier:	AAA.metzke91
Creator:	Metzker, Ray K. (Interviewee) Hunter, Anne S. (Interviewer)
Extent:	152 Pages (Transcript)
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Digital Content:	Audio: Oral history interview with Ray Metzker, 1991 Apr. 30, Digital Sound Recording (Excerpt)

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: 35mm microfilm reel 4778 available at Archives of American Art offices and through interlibrary loan.

Restrictions

Transcript: Patrons must use microfilm copy.

Biographical / Historical

Ray Metzker (1931-) is a photographer from Philadelphia, Pa.

Scope and Contents

An interview of Ray Metzker conducted 1991 Apr. 30, by Anne Schuster Hunter, for the Archives of American Art Philadelphia Project.

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Metzker discusses his family and German heritage; childhood in Milwaukee, Wis.; early interest in photography; attending Beloit College; military service in Korea; studies at Illinois Institute of Technology;

his series "My Camera and I in the Loop"; life in Chicago and traveling to Europe; moving to Philadelphia and teaching at the Philadelphia College of Art; his disenchantment with using the single image and moving into double frames; his landscapes of the 1980's; and his retrospective at the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston in 1984.

General

Originally recorded on 5 sound cassettes. Reformatted in 2010 as 8 digital wav files. Duration is 5 hrs., 46 min.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Photographers -- Pennsylvania -- Philadelphia -- Interviews
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Types of Materials:

Interviews
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Philadelphia College of Art