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in The Modern Artist Speaks forum

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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives of American Art
Title:	Text of comments by participants in The Modern Artist Speaks forum
Identifier:	AAA.modearti
Date:	1948 May 5
Extent:	4 Items
Creator:	Modern Artist Speaks (1948 : Museum of Modern Art, New York, N.Y.)
Language:	English .

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Provenance unknown.

Available Formats

35mm microfilm reel N69/112 available for use at Archives of American Art offices and through interlibrary loan.

Restrictions

Use of original papers requires an appointment and is limited to the Archives' Washington, D.C., Research Center. Microfilmed materials must be consulted on microfilm. Contact Reference Services for more information.

Scope and Contents

Typescripts of speeches by Paul Burlin, Stuart Davis, Adolph Gottlieb, George L. K. Morris, and James Johnson Sweeney, delivered at a forum, "The Modern Artist Speaks," held at the Museum of Modern Art on May 5, 1948. In addition to a typescript of all five speeches, preliminary drafts with handwritten corrections are included of Burlin, Davis and Morris's speeches. Burlin comments on the artist as cultural critic, Morris discusses the failure of art criticism and Davis interprets contemporary attacks on abstract art as an attempt to control the artist's attitudes toward society.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Art, Modern -- 20th century

Names:

Burlin, Paul, 1886-1969

Davis, Stuart, 1892-1964

Gottlieb, Adolph, 1903-1974

Morris, George L. K., 1905-1975

Museum of Modern Art (New York, N.Y.)

Sweeney, James Johnson, 1900-