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Oral history interview with Elisabeth D. Model

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Collection Overview

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Title:	Oral history interview with Elisabeth D. Model
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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

Transcript available on the Archives of American Art website.

Biographical / Historical

Elisabeth D. Model (1897-1993) was a painter and sculptor from New York, New York.

Scope and Contents

An interview of Elisabeth D. Model conducted 1977 May 19, by William McNaught, for the Archives of American Art.

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Model speaks of early mentors and friendships with sculptor Moisseey Kogan, author Herman Hesse, art dealer Jacques Goudstikker, and others. She recalls visits with artists and collectors, including Aristide Maillol, Charles

Despiau, Jacob Epstein, and Jean Paul Getty. She also describes several events, such as the Han van Meegeren art forgeries, her family's escape to New York during WW II, and her career successes.

General

Originally recorded on 1 sound tape reel. Reformatted in 2010 as 2 digital wav files. Duration is 1 hr., 8 min.

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
- Art -- Forgeries
- Women artists
- Women painters
- Women sculptors
- World War, 1939-1945

Types of Materials:

- Interviews
- Sound recordings

Names:

- Despiau, Charles, 1874-1946
- Epstein, Jacob, Sir, 1880-1959
- Getty, J. Paul (Jean Paul), 1892-1976
- Goudstikker, Jacques, 1897-1940
- Hesse, Hermann, 1877-1962
- Kogan, Moissey, 1879-1943
- Maillol, Aristide, 1861-1944
- Meegeren, Han van, 1889-1947

Occupations:

- Painters -- New York (State) -- New York
- Sculptors -- New York (State) -- New York