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José and Malaquias Montoya

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Collection Overview

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Creator:	Montoya, José Hernandez, Eduardo Montoya, Malaquias, 1938-
Language:	English

Biographical / Historical

José Montoya (1932-2013) was a Mexican-American poet and artist in Sacramento, Calif. Malaquias Montoya (1938-) is a Mexican-American artist in Oakland, Calif. He and his brother José founded Royal Chicano Air Force, a group working primarily as muralists

Scope and Contents

Interviews of brothers José and Malaquias Montoya conducted 1988 Feb. 28-June 2, by Eduardo Hernandez, for the Archives of American Art.

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The Montoya's recall growing up as Mexican-Americans in a rural town in Colorado; moving to urban areas in California; their early education and development of their political awareness; and their artistic experiences, including their founding of the Royal Chicano Air Force, a group working primarily as muralists.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Hispanic American artists -- Interviews

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Mural painting and decoration -- 20th century -- United States
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Interviews
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Names:

Montoya, Malaquias, 1938-
Royal Chicano Air Force

Occupations:

Muralists -- California