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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives of American Art
Title:	Stephen Mueller papers
Date:	circa 1990-2010
Identifier:	AAA.muelstep
Creator:	Mueller, Stephen, 1947-2011
Extent:	1,230 Gigabytes (6 hard drives contained in one record carton)
Language:	English .

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Donated in 2021 by Frederika Hunter, a friend of Mueller's and his dealer and executrix.

Restrictions

This collection is open for research. Access to original papers requires an appointment and is limited to the Archives' Washington, D.C. Research Center. Researchers interested in accessing born-digital records in this collection must use access copies. Contact References Services for more information.

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Biographical / Historical

Stephen Mueller (1947-2011) was a painter in New York, New York. Mueller painted in an abstract and increasingly symbolic and spiritually infused style. He is associated with late color field painting, bringing the style into the 21st century with his large, colorful canvases.

Scope and Contents

The Stephen Mueller papers measure 1230 gigabytes and date from circa 1990-2010. At the core of the material are digital photographs of Mueller's paintings dating from 1969-2010. The images provide a method for closely studying Mueller's work that was adapted from Color Field painting.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Color-field painting

Occupations:

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