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Oral history interview with Walter Murch

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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives of American Art
Title:	Oral history interview with Walter Murch
Identifier:	AAA.murch67
Date:	1967 June 6
Creator:	Murch, Walter (Interviewee) Seckler, Dorothy Gees, 1910-1994 (Interviewer)
Extent:	19 Pages (Transcript)
Language:	English .
Digital Content:	Audio: Oral history interview with Walter Murch, 1967 June 6, 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 others.

Available Formats

Transcript: 35mm microfilm reel 4211 available at Archives of American Art offices and through interlibrary loan.

Restrictions

Transcript: Patrons must use microfilm copy.

Biographical / Historical

Walter Murch (1907-1967) was a mural painter in New York, N.Y.

Scope and Contents

An interview of Walter Murch conducted 1967 June 6, by Dorothy Seckler, for the Archives of American Art. Murch speaks of his family background and youth in Canada; studying at the Art Students League; studying with Arshile Gorky; the philosophy behind his work; techniques; influences on his work; subject matter of his work; commissions; murals for Raymond Lowey; teachings; exhibitions of his work; and his involvement with the Betty Parsons Gallery. He recalls Betty Parsons and Joseph Cornell.

General

Originally recorded on 3 sound tape reels. Reformatted in 2010 as 5 digital wav files. Duration is 2 hrs., 19 min.

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 -- New York (State) -- New York
Mural painting and decoration
Painters -- New York (State) -- Interviews
Sculptors -- United States -- Interviews

Types of Materials:

Interviews
Sound recordings

Names:

Betty Parsons Gallery
Cornell, Joseph
Gorky, Arshile, 1904-1948
Parsons, Betty