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Oral history interview with Mira Nakashima

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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives of American Art
Title:	Oral history interview with Mira Nakashima
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Extent:	4 Items (wav files (2 hr., 57 min.); digital)
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Digital Content:	Digital Content: Oral history interview with Mira Nakashima, 2010 March 11, Transcript Audio: Oral history interview with Mira Nakashima, 2010 March 11, 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 administrators.

Biographical / Historical

Mira Nakashima (1942-) is a Japanese American woodworker based in New Hope, Pennsylvania. Nakashima is the daughter of fellow woodworker, George Nakashima.

Scope and Contents

An interview of Mira Nakashima conducted 2010 March 11, by James McElhinney, for the Archives of American Art's Nanette L. Laitman Documentation Project for Craft and Decorative Arts in America, at Nakashima's reception house, in New Hope, Pennsylvania.

General

Originally recorded on 2 sound discs. Reformatted in 2010 as 4 digital wav files. Duration is 2 hr., 57 min.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- Asian American art
- Asian American artists
- Asian American furniture designers
- Asian American woodworkers
- Japanese American art
- Japanese American artists
- Women artists

Types of Materials:

- Interviews
- Sound recordings

Names:

- Nanette L. Laitman Documentation Project for Craft and Decorative Arts in America

Occupations:

- Woodworkers -- Pennsylvania