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Oral history interview with Otto Natzler

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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives of American Art
Title:	Oral history interview with Otto Natzler
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Digital Content:	Audio: Oral history interview with Otto Natzler, 1980 July 7-14, Digital Sound Recording (Excerpt)

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

These interviews are 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 3198 available at Archives of American Art offices and through interlibrary loan.

Biographical / Historical

Otto Natzler (1908-2007) was a ceramicist in Los Angeles, Calif.

Scope and Contents

An interview of Otto Natzler conducted 1980 July 7-14, by Ruth Bowman, for the Archives of American Art.

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Natzler speaks of his childhood; his early interest in art, especially sculpture; his beginnings in the field of ceramics; his and his wife's immigration to the United States following the Nazi takeover in Austria; exhibitions of his work; the development of his career; his feelings about critics; and the treatment of ceramics as art by museums.

General

Originally recorded on 12 sound cassettes. Reformatted in 2010 as 23 digital wav files. Duration is 10 hrs., 59 min.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- Ceramicists -- California -- Interviews
- Ceramics
- Decorative arts

Types of Materials:

- Interviews
- Sound recordings