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Oral history interview with Bruce Nauman

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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives of American Art
Title:	Oral history interview with Bruce Nauman
Date:	1980 May 27-30
Identifier:	AAA.nauman80
Creator:	Nauman, Bruce, 1941- (Interviewee) De Angelus, Michele D. (Interviewer)
Extent:	60 Pages (Transcript)
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Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

This interview is part of the Archives' 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 available on-line.

Restrictions

Transcript is available on the Archives of American Art's website.

Biographical / Historical

Bruce Nauman (1940-) is sculptor of Pecos, N.M.

Scope and Contents

An interview of Bruce Nauman conducted 1980 May 27-30, by Michele D. De Angelus, for the Archives of American Art.

Scope and Contents

Nauman discusses his family, childhood interests, education and training as an artist, influences, his early work, teaching, filmmaking, video work, performances, exhibitions, dealers, his relationship with the art world, his current world, and his personal life. He recalls Santos Zingale, Stephen French, Wayne Taylor, Wayne Thiebaud, Bob Arneson, Bill Wiley, Man Ray, Frank Lobdell, and many others.

General

Originally recorded on 4 sound cassettes. Reformatted in 2010 as 7 digital wav files. Duration is 3 hrs., 32 min.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Art, American
Sculptors -- New Mexico -- Pecos -- Interviews
Sculpture, Modern -- 20th century -- United States

Types of Materials:

Interviews
Sound recordings

Names:

Arneson, Robert, 1930-1992
French, Stephen
Lobdell, Frank, 1921-
Ray, Man, 1890-1976
Taylor, Wayne
Thiebaud, Wayne
Wiley, William T., 1937-2021
Zingale, Santos, 1908-