



# Smithsonian

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The New Arts records

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	Archives of American Art
<b>Title:</b>	The New Arts records
<b>Identifier:</b>	AAA.newarts
<b>Date:</b>	1952-1977
<b>Creator:</b>	New Arts (Art gallery)
<b>Extent:</b>	1.4 Linear feet ((on 3 microfilm reels))
<b>Language:</b>	English .

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## Administrative Information

### Acquisition Information

The donor, Kathryn Swenson, was the owner and director of the gallery.

### Available Formats

35mm microfilm reels 2242-2244 available at the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston (Library), 1001 Bissonnet, Houston, TX 77005, and through interlibrary loan.

### Restrictions

Use of original papers requires an appointment and is limited to the Archives' Washington, D.C., Research Center. Microfilmed materials must be consulted on microfilm. Contact Reference Services for more information.

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## Biographical / Historical

Art gallery; Houston, Tex. Founded 1956, closed ca. 1974.

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## Scope and Contents

Files on artists and people associated with the gallery, including: Forrest Bess, James Boynton, Lawrence Calcagno, Joseph Cornell, André Emmerich, Max Ernst, Walter Kuhlman, Peter Plagens, Hassel Smith, Richard Steinberg, Jean Varda, and others. The files usually contain correspondence, exhibition catalogs and announcements, clippings, and photographs. Also included are exhibition files, material on the Contemporary Arts Association in Houston, and miscellaneous catalogs and announcements.

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## Names and Subject Terms

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

Names:

Bess, Forrest, 1911-1977  
Boynton, Jack, 1928-2010  
Calcagno, Lawrence, 1913-  
Cornell, Joseph  
Emmerich, André  
Ernst, Max, 1891-1976  
Kuhlman, Walter  
Plagens, Peter  
Smith, Hassel, 1915-2007  
Steinberg, Richard  
Varda, Jean

Functions:

Art galleries, Commercial -- Texas