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Collection Overview

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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. Funding for this interview was provided by the Art Dealers Association of America.

Restrictions

Transcript available on the Archives of American Art website.

Biographical / Historical

Klaus G. Perls (1912-2008) is an art dealer and owner of Perls Galleries, New York, N.Y. Younger brother of West Coast art dealer Frank Perls, owner of Frank Perls Gallery.

Scope and Contents

An interview of Klaus G. Perls conducted 1993 Jan. 19, by Mona Hadler, for the Archives of American Art.

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Perls discusses his childhood in Germany; his early education and receiving a PhD in Art History; writing a book on 15th century French artist Jean Fouquet; immigrating to New York in 1935; selling paintings that his mother sent to him from Paris to N.Y. art dealers; establishing Perls Galleries in 1937; representing

European artists such as Maurice Utrillo, Marie Laurencin, Raoul Dufy and Maurice de Vlaminck; the art world of the 1930s and 1940s; the founding of the Art Dealers Association; representing Alexander Calder from 1955-1976; and the "Calder Sidewalk."

General

Originally recorded on 1 sound cassette. Reformatted in 2010 as 1 digital wav file. Duration is 46 min.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Types of Materials:

- Interviews
- Sound recordings

Names:

- Calder, Alexander, 1898-1976
- Perls Galleries

Occupations:

- Art dealers -- New York (State) -- New York