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Oral history interview with James S. Plaut

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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives of American Art
Title:	Oral history interview with James S. Plaut
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Digital Content:	Audio: Oral history interview with James S. Plaut, 1971 June 29, 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.

Biographical / Historical

James S. Plaut (1912-1996) was an art administrator and writer from Chestnut Hill, Mass.

Scope and Contents

An interview of James S. Plaut conducted 1971 June 29, by Robert Brown, for the Archives of American Art.

Scope and Contents

Plaut speaks of founding the Boston Chapter of the Museum of Modern Art, its policies and aims; Boston art scene in the 1930s, the Institute of Contemporary Art, and other positions he has held.

General

Originally recorded on 1 sound tape. Reformatted in 2010 as 2 digital wav files. Duration is 3 hr., 4 min.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Art -- Massachusetts -- Boston
Arts administrators -- Massachusetts -- Interviews

Types of Materials:

Interviews
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