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Oral history interview with Allen Porter

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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives of American Art
Title:	Oral history interview with Allen Porter
Date:	1967 May 24
Identifier:	AAA.porter67
Creator:	Porter, Allen, 1902-1987 Coleman, Butler (Interviewer)
Extent:	20 Pages (Transcript)
Language:	English .

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.

Biographical / Historical

Allan Porter (1902-1987) was a curator at Museum of Modern Art.

Scope and Contents

An interview of Allen Porter conducted 1967 May 24, by Butler Coleman, for the Archives of American Art. Porter speaks of his youth and educational background; his interest in photography; collectors; joining the Museum of Modern Art in 1937; films at the Museum; making films for the Army during World War II; art critics; art dealing. He recalls Alfred H. Barr, Julien Levy and Eugene Berman.

General

Originally recorded on 1 sound tape reel. Reformatted in 2010 as 2 digital wav files. Duration is 1 hr., 13 min.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Filmmakers -- Interviews

Museum curators -- Interviews

Types of Materials:

Interviews
Sound recordings

Names:

Barr, Alfred H., Jr., 1902-1981
Berman, Eugene, 1899-1972
Levy, Julien
Museum of Modern Art (New York, N.Y.)

Functions:

Art museums -- New York (State) -- New York