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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.

Related Materials

The Archives of American Art also holds the Astrid Preston papers.

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Biographical / Historical

Astrid Preston (1945-) is a draftsman and painter who works primarily in Los Angeles, California. Preston was part of a network of artists in Los Angeles that included Lita Albuquerque, Loren Madsen, and Steve Kahn and was first involved in a revival of drawing that brought her into contact with other mainly women draftsmen.

Scope and Contents

An interview with Astrid Preston conducted 2020 July 27, by Matthew Simms, for the Archives of American Art's Pandemic Oral History Project at Preston's studio in Santa Monica, California.

Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements

Recorded on Zoom (videoconferencing software)

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- COVID-19 (Disease)
- Pandemics
- Women artists

Types of Materials:

- Interviews
- Video recordings

Names:

- Pandemic Oral History Project

Occupations:

- Draftsmen (artists) -- California -- Los Angeles
- Painters -- California -- Los Angeles