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Dorothy and Leo Rabkin papers

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	Archives of American Art
<b>Title:</b>	Dorothy and Leo Rabkin papers
<b>Date:</b>	1940-1979
<b>Identifier:</b>	AAA.rabkleo
<b>Creator:</b>	Rabkin, Leo Rabkin, Dorothy, 1922-2008
<b>Extent:</b>	4.6 Linear feet ((partially filmed on 1 microfilm reel))
<b>Language:</b>	English .

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## Administrative Information

### Acquisition Information

The materials filmed on reel N69-68 were originally loaned to the Archives by Leo Rabkin in 1969. They were subsequently given, along with other materials, in 1979 and 1980.

### 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

Leo Rabkin (1919-2015) and Dorothy Rabkin (1922-2008) were art collectors in New York. Rabkin was also a painter and sculptor, and president of American Abstract Artists.

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## Scope and Contents

Papers relating to Leo and Dorothy Rabkin as art collectors, as well as Leo Rabkin's work in painting and sculpture and with American Abstract Artists.

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Reel N69-68: Correspondence, catalogs, clippings, and photographs of Leo Rabkin and his work. Much of the material relates to the American Abstract Artists, of which Rabkin was president.

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Unmicrofilmed portion: Biographical material; exhibition, lecture, and sales files containing catalogs, announcements, correspondence, photographs of works of art, and clippings; and miscellany. Also included are records of the American Abstract Artists consisting of published histories, minutes, memorandum, membership and mailing lists, correspondence, exhibition files, and files on member-artists Ilya Bolotowsky, Will Barnet, and others, containing catalogs, photographs of art, biographical material, interviews, and clippings. Records of the U.S. Committee of the International Artists Association and the Fine Arts Federation of New York are also included.

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## Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Art -- Collectors and collecting -- New York (State) -- New York

Types of Materials:

Interviews

Names:

American Abstract Artists  
Barnet, Will, 1911-2012  
Bolotowsky, Ilya, 1907-1981  
Fine Arts Federation of New York  
International Artists Association

Occupations:

Painters -- New York (State) -- New York

Functions:

Arts organizations -- New York (State)