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## Oral history interview with Siegfried G. Reinhardt

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## Collection Overview

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| <b>Repository:</b>      | Archives of American Art                                                                                                          |
| <b>Title:</b>           | Oral history interview with Siegfried G. Reinhardt                                                                                |
| <b>Date:</b>            | 1976 May 22-June 26                                                                                                               |
| <b>Identifier:</b>      | AAA.reinha76                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Creator:</b>         | Reinhardt, Siegfried, 1925-1984 (Interviewee)<br>Gaugert, Richard (Interviewer)                                                   |
| <b>Extent:</b>          | 130 Pages (Transcript)                                                                                                            |
| <b>Language:</b>        | English .                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Digital Content:</b> | <a href="#">Audio: Oral history interview with Siegfried G. Reinhardt, 1976 May 22-June 26, Digital Sound Recording (Excerpt)</a> |

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## Biographical / Historical

Siegfried G. Reinhardt (1925-1984) was a painter and designer from St. Louis, Mo.

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## Scope and Contents

An interview of Siegfried G. Reinhardt conducted 1976 May 22-June 26, by Richard Gaugert, for the Archives of American Art.

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## Scope and Contents

Reinhardt discusses his origins in East Prussia; early childhood memories and influences; immigrating to the United States and St. Louis, Mo.; the Depression; his early interest in drawing; copying Durer woodcuts as a learning process; the influence of Charles Quest; Scholastic Art Awards; his interest in language and literature; involvement with evangelical reform and Scripture; techniques; exposure to modern art, Pablo Picasso, Surrealism, Salvador Dali, abstract expressionism; imagery in his work; the creative process; Philip Guston; Army experiences in WWII; attending Washington University; exposure to religious writers, churches in St. Louis; introduction to stained glass; association with Emil Frei, Inc. (Emil Frei, Jr.); commissions; work habits; and designing and making furniture.

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## General

Originally recorded on 4 sound tapes. Reformatted in 2010 as 8 digital wav files. Duration is 3 hr., 59 min.

## Names and Subject Terms

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

### Subjects:

- Decorative arts
- Designers -- Missouri -- St. Louis -- Interviews
- Muralists -- Missouri -- St. Louis -- Interviews
- Painters -- Missouri -- St. Louis -- Interviews

### Types of Materials:

- Interviews
- Sound recordings

### Names:

- Frei, Emil, Jr., 1896-1967