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Oral history interview with Bernard J. Reis

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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives of American Art
Title:	Oral history interview with Bernard J. Reis
Identifier:	AAA.reis76
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Creator:	Reis, Bernard J. (Interviewee) Cummings, Paul (Interviewer)
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Language:	English .
Digital Content:	Audio: Oral history interview with Bernard J. Reis, 1976 June 3-1976 June 10, Digital Sound Recording (Excerpt)

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

These interviews are 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

Bernard J. Reis (1895-1978) was a art collector and patron from New York, N.Y.

Scope and Contents

An interview of Bernard Reis conducted 1976 June 3-1976 June 10, by Paul Cummings, for the Archives of American Art.

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Reis speaks of his family background and education; the development of his art collection; and his friendship with various artists, including Jacques Lipchitz, George Grosz and Mark Rothko. He also recalls Peggy Guggenheim.

General

Originally recorded on 2 sound tape reels. Reformatted in 2010 as 4 digital wav files. Duration is 3 hr., 31 min.

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) -- Interviews
Art patrons -- New York (State) -- New York -- Interviews
Art, American

Types of Materials:

Interviews
Sound recordings

Names:

Grosz, George, 1893-1959
Guggenheim, Peggy, 1898-
Lipchitz, Jacques, 1891-1973
Rothko, Mark, 1903-1970