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Oral history interview with Faith Ringgold

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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives of American Art
Title:	Oral history interview with Faith Ringgold
Identifier:	AAA.ringgo89
Date:	1989 September 6-October 18
Creator:	Ringgold, Faith (Interviewee) Nadelman, Cynthia (Interviewer)
Extent:	349 Pages (Transcript) 15 Items (sound files (10 hr., 49 min.); digital)
Language:	English .
Digital Content:	Audio: Oral history interview with Faith Ringgold, 1989 September 6-October 18, Digital Sound Recording (Excerpt)

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. Funding for this interview provided by the Lannan Foundation.

Available Formats

Transcript: 35mm microfilm reel 4779 available at Archives of American Art offices and through interlibrary loan.

Biographical / Historical

Faith Ringgold (1930-) is an Afro-American painter, sculptor, and performance artist from New York, N.Y.

Scope and Contents

An interview of Faith Ringgold conducted 1989 September 6-October 18, by Cynthia Nadelman, for the Archives of American Art.

Scope and Contents

Ringgold discusses Harlem from the 1930s through the 1970s; her background and education; her art and political activities; feminism; the evolution of her work; her paintings, soft sculpture constructions, quilts, and

performance pieces. She recalls Robert Gwathmey, Tom Lloyd, Robert Morris, Marcia Tucker, Lucy Lippard, her mother, and others.

General

Originally recorded on 8 sound cassettes. Reformatted in 2010 as 15 digital wav files. Duration is 10 hr., 50 min.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- African American artists
- Painting, Modern -- 20th century -- New York (State) -- New York
- Performance art
- Sculpture, Modern -- 20th century -- New York (State) -- New York
- Women artists

Types of Materials:

- Interviews
- Sound recordings

Names:

- Gwathmey, Robert, 1903-1988
- Lippard, Lucy R.
- Lloyd, Tom, 1929-
- Morris, Robert, 1931-2018
- Tucker, Marcia

Occupations:

- Painters -- New York (State) -- New York
- Quiltmakers -- New York (State) -- New York
- Sculptors -- New York (State) -- New York