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Oral history interview with Larry Rivers

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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives of American Art
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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 others.

Restrictions

Transcript available on the Archives of American Art website.

Biographical / Historical

Larry Rivers (1925-2002) was a painter from Southampton, N.Y.)

Scope and Contents

An interview of Larry Rivers conducted 1968 November 2, by Paul Cummings, for the Archives of American Art. Rivers speaks of his background and early interests in music and art; his U.S. Army experience; studying with Hans Hofmann; development of his artistic ability; Edwin Denby and his films; the future of his work. He recalls Robert Rauschenberg and Nell Blaine.

General

Originally recorded on 1 sound tape reel. Reformatted in 2010 as 6 digital wav files. Duration is 51 min.

General

Sound quality is poor.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Painters -- New York (State) -- Interviews

Types of Materials:

Interviews
Sound recordings

Names:

Blaine, Nell, 1922-1996
Hofmann, Hans, 1880-1966
Rauschenberg, Robert, 1925-2008