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Oral history interview with Tom Robbins

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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives of American Art
Title:	Oral history interview with Tom Robbins
Identifier:	AAA.robbin84
Date:	1984 March 3
Creator:	Robbins, Tom (Interviewee) Kingsbury, Martha, 1941- (Interviewer)
Extent:	47 Pages (Transcript)
Language:	English .
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Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

This interview is part of the Archives' Northwest Oral History Project, begun in 1982 to document the Northwest artistic community through interviews with painters, sculptors, craftsmen, educators, curators, and others, in Oregon, Washington and Montana.

Location of Originals

Transcript also available at the University of Washington, Manuscripts Collection, and at the Oregon Historical Society.

Available Formats

Transcript available on line.

Restrictions

Transcript available on the Archives of American Art website.

Biographical / Historical

Tom Robbins (1936-) is a writer and critic from LaConner, Wash.

Scope and Contents

An interview of Tom Robbins conducted 1984 March 3, in La Conner, Wash., by Martha Kingsbury, for the Archives of American Art's Northwest Oral History Project.

Scope and Contents

Robbins speaks of his youth; the importance of his first trips to New York; meeting Barnett Newman and William Philip Kendrick; the influence of Oriental art; his drug experience; his research on Jackson Pollock; coming to Washington State and working as an art critic; the impact of the 1962 World's Fair on art; and style versus content in art.

General

Originally recorded on 2 sound cassettes. Reformatted in 2010 as 4 digital wav files. Duration is 2 hr., 28 min.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- Art criticism
- Art, American -- Northwestern States
- Art, Modern -- Northwestern States
- Authors -- Washington (State) -- Interviews

Types of Materials:

- Interviews
- Sound recordings

Names:

- Kendrick, William Philip
- Newman, Barnett, 1905-1970
- Pollock, Jackson, 1912-1956

Occupations:

- Art critics -- Washington (State) -- Interviews