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Oral history interview with Theodore Roszak

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Collection Overview

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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.

Location of Originals

Location of original tape unknown.

Available Formats

35mm microfilm reels 3198-3199 available at Archives of American Art offices and through interlibrary loan.

Biographical / Historical

Theodore Roszak (1907-1981) was a painter and sculptor from Chicago, Illinois, and New York, New York.

Scope and Contents

An interview of Theodore Roszak conducted in 1963, by Harlan Phillips, for the Archives of American Art.

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Roszak speaks of his childhood in Chicago as the son of Polish immigrants; factors that influenced his development; his early interest in art; his education at the Art Institute of Chicago; studying under Charles W. Hawthorne; meeting George Bellows and George Luks; going to Europe on a fellowship; his experiences in Czechoslovakia; social realism in painting; government support of the arts during the Depression; the influence of politics upon art; commercialism and art; the development of his interest in sculpture; the U.S. State Department's Cultural Exchange Program; and the American Exhibition in Moscow.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Art and state
Painters -- New York (State) -- Interviews
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Types of Materials:

Interviews

Names:

Bellows, George, 1882-1925
Hawthorne, Charles Webster, 1872-1930
Luks, George Benjamin, 1867-1933