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Oral history interview with Lilian Swann Saarinen

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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives of American Art
Title:	Oral history interview with Lilian Swann Saarinen
Identifier:	AAA.saarin79
Date:	1979-1981
Creator:	Saarinen, Lilian Swann, 1912-1995 (Interviewee) Brown, Robert F. (Interviewer)
Extent:	93 Pages (Transcript)
Language:	English .
Digital Content:	Digital Content: Oral history interview with Lilian Swann Saarinen, 1979-1981, Transcript Audio: Oral history interview with Lilian Swann Saarinen, 1979-1981, Digital Sound Recording (Excerpt)

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

These interviews are 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.

Available Formats

Transcript available on line.

Restrictions

Transcript available on the Archives of American Art website.

Biographical / Historical

Lilian Swann Saarinen (1912-1995) was a sculptor from Cambridge, Mass.

Scope and Contents

An interview of Lilian Swann Saarinen conducted in three installments between 1979-1981, by Robert F. Brown, for the Archives of American Art, in Cambridge, Mass.

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Saarinen speaks of her childhood in New York; her training with Alexander Archipenko and Heinz Warneke; a ceramic relief for the Crow Island School, Winnetka, Ill.; ceramic and metal reliefs for architecture; the Cranbrook Academy of Art; her drawings and her sculpture.

General

Originally recorded on 3 sound tape reels. Reformatted in 2010 as 4 digital wav files. Duration is 3 hr., 40 min.

General

Audio quality varies greatly in this interview. Tape speed and volume are uneven.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Sculptors -- Interviews

Types of Materials:

Interviews
Sound recordings

Names:

Archipenko, Alexander, 1887-1964
Cranbrook Academy of Art
Warneke, Heinz (Heinrich), 1895-1983