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## A Finding Aid to the Molly Saltman "Art and Artists" Interviews, 1966-1967, in the Archives of American Art

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	Archives of American Art
<b>Title:</b>	Molly Saltman "Art and Artists" interviews
<b>Date:</b>	1966-1967
<b>Identifier:</b>	AAA.saltmoll
<b>Creator:</b>	Saltman, Molly, 1915-2010
<b>Extent:</b>	2.4 Linear feet
<b>Language:</b>	English .
<b>Summary:</b>	The Molly Saltman "Art and Artists" interviews measure 2.4 linear feet and contain 62 sound recording interviews and lectures with art collectors, teachers, actors, and artists. The interviews were conducted by Molly Saltman from 1966-1967 as part of the "Art and Artists" radio series broadcast on the KPAL radio station in Palm Springs, California. Additional recordings of KPAL content and nonbroadcast content were discovered upon digitization, including a Los Angeles Art Association anniversary event and a Charles White slide lecture.

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## Administrative Information

### Acquisition Information

The collection was donated by Molly Saltman in 1986.

### Other Finding Aids

A list of interviewees is available in all Archives of American Art offices.

### Available Formats

All of the sound recordings in this collection have been copied for research access and digital copies are available in the Archives of American Art offices.

### Processing Information

The collection was processed and a finding aid prepared by Isabelle Murphy in 2018.

### Preferred Citation

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## Biographical / Historical

The Molly Saltman "Art and Artists" radio program was broadcast on KPAL radio station in Palm Springs, California from November 2, 1966 to March 4, 1967 on Mondays and Wednesdays at 10:30AM. Molly Saltman (1915-2010), the producer and interviewer for this broadcast, was a well-known Palm Springs artist during this time. Specializing in abstract watercolors, her work was featured in a number of local art shows as well as exhibited in the Los Angeles County Museum of Art, the Palm Springs Desert Museum, and the Hartfield Gallery in Los Angeles. She was also closely involved with the Desert Mental Health Association and served as Chairwoman of the Jewish Family Service in Palm Springs, California.

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## Scope and Contents

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## Arrangement

Due to the small size of this collection the sound recordings are arranged as one series.

- Series 1: Interviews and other recordings, circa 1963-1968 (Box 1-3, 2.4 linear feet)
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## Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Art, American  
Art--Collectors and collecting--Interviews

Types of Materials:

Interviews  
Lectures  
Sound recordings

Names:

Art and artists (Radio program)  
Falkenstein, Claire, 1908-1997  
Feitelson, Lorser, 1898-1978  
Hamilton, Richard, 1922-  
Hopper, Dennis, 1936-  
Levine, Jack, 1915-2010  
Lytton, Bart, 1912-1969  
Macdonald-Wright, Stanton, 1890-1973  
Natzler, Gertrud  
Natzler, Otto  
Nyiri, Joseph, 1937-  
Partch, Harry, 1901-1974  
Price, Vincent, 1911-1993  
Secunda, Arthur  
Wayne, June, 1918-2011  
White, Charles (1918-1979)

Occupations:

Actors  
Art teachers -- Interviews  
Artists -- Interviews

## Container Listing

### Series 1: Interviews and Other Recordings, circa 1963-1968

#### 2.4 Linear feet

**Language:** English.

**Scope and Contents:** This series contains 62 interviews (only one transcribed) conducted as part of the "Art and Artists" radio broadcast series by Molly Saltman between 1966 and 1967, each approximately 20 minutes long. The interviewees include art collector Bart Lytton, teachers, such as Lorser Feitelson and Arthur Secunda, actors Vincent Price and Dennis Hopper, composer Harry Partch, and a wide-variety of artists, including Claire Falkenstein, Richard Hamilton, Jack Levine, Stanton MacDonald-Wright, Joseph Nyiri, Otto and Gertrude Natzler, June Wayne, and Charles White.

Also found in this series are other events and programs on subjects related to the contemporary art world of Southern California, and other Palm Springs local programs, which may be present due to the practice of recycling audio tape. These include an additional lecture by Edward Biberman, a slide lecture by Charles White, a Los Angeles Art Association anniversary event, a lecture and performance by composer Henri Tamianka, and a lecture by an unknown speaker on the topic of Early Western Artists. Additional local programs found include a candidate forum, a weekly report by local congressman John Tunney, and a teen program broadcast on KPAL.

Unless otherwise indicated, the content listed below consists of interviews.

**Arrangement:** The "Art and Artists" interviews are arranged alphabetically by interviewee's last name. Programs found in addition to the "Art and Artists" series are listed in logical order by name or subject; note that these additional programs typically share tapes with other content.

Box 1, Item 1                      Ralph Altman, 1966-1967  
1 Sound tape reel  
Language:            English.

Box 1, Item 2                      Edward Biberman Art History Lecture, 1966-1967  
1 Sound tape reel

Box 1, Item 34                      Edward Biberman Interview, circa 1968  
2 Sound tape reels

Box 1, Item 3                      Nicholas Brigante, 1966-1967  
1 Sound tape reel  
Language:            English.

Box 1, Item 4                      Katherine Brugger, 1966-1967  
1 Sound tape reel  
Language:            English.

Box 1, Item 5                      Walter Carlson, 1966-1967  
1 Sound tape reel  
Language:            English.

Box 1, Item 6	Edmund Carpenter, 1966-1967 2 Sound tape reels Language: English.
Box 1, Item 7	Lynn Cordner, 1966-1967 1 Sound tape reel Language: English.
Box 1, Item 8	Ken Donahue, 1966-1967 2 Sound tape reels Language: English.
Box 1, Item 9	Lecture, "Early Western Artist", 1966-1967 1 Sound tape reel Language: English. Notes: This lecture takes place at the Joslyn Museum and is by an unknown speaker on the subject of Early Western Artists
Box 1, Item 10	Leonard Edmundson, 1966-1967 1 Sound tape reel Language: English.
Box 1, Item 11	Edith Ekros, 1966-1967 1 Sound tape reel Language: English.
Box 1, Item 12	Claire Falkenstein, 1966-1967 1 Sound tape reel Language: English.
Box 1, Item 13	Lorser Feitelson, 1966-1967 2 Sound tape reels Language: English.
Box 1, Item 14	Max Finkelstein, 1966-1967 1 Sound tape reel Language: English.
Box 1, Item 15	James Gill, 1966-1967 2 Sound tape reels Language: English.
Box 1, Item 16	Gerald Gladstone, 1966-1967 1 Sound tape reel Language: English.
Box 1, Item 17	Richard Hamilton, 1966-1967

	1 Sound tape reel 1 Sound cassette Language: English. Notes: Sound cassette is an access copy
Box 1, Item 18	Mrs. Dalzell Hatfield, 1966-1967 1 Sound tape reel Language: English.
Box 1, Item 19	Henry Hopkins and Maurice Tuchman, 1966-1967 1 Sound tape reel Language: English.
Box 1, Item 20	Dennis Hopper, 1966-1967 3 Sound tape reels Language: English.
Box 1, Item 21	Ben Horowitz, 1966-1967 1 Sound tape reel Language: English.
Box 1, Item 22	Mahender K. Jain and Ravi K. Jain, 1966-1967 1 Sound tape reel Language: English.
Box 1, Item 23	James Kelly, 1966-1967 1 Sound tape reel Language: English.
Box 1, Item 24	Abbot Kaplan, 1966-1967 1 Sound tape reel Language: English.
Box 1, Item 25	Fred Katz, 1966-1967 2 Sound tape reels Language: English.
Box 1, Item 26	Roger Kuntz, 1966-1967 1 Sound tape reel Language: English.
Box 1, Item 27	Felix Landau, 1966-1967 1 Sound tape reel Language: English.
Box 1, Item 28	Jules Langsner, 1966-1967 2 Sound tape reels Language: English.
Box 1, Item 29	Jack Levine, 1966-1967



	1 Sound tape reel Language: English.
Box 2, Item 1	Lawrence Lipton, 1966-1967 1 Sound tape reel Language: English.
Box 2, Item 2	Stephen Longstreet, 1966-1967 5 Sound tape reels Language: English.
Box 2, Item 3	Bart Lytton, 1966-1967 2 Sound tape reels Language: English.
Box 2, Item 4	Stanton MacDonald-Wright, 1966-1967 3 Sound tape reels Language: English.
Box 2, Item 27	Ed Marin, circa 1965 Notes: Found on tape with Carpenter interview (reel 1, side 2)
Box 2, Item 5	Robert Marko, 1966-1967 1 Sound tape reel Language: English.
Box 2, Item 6	Paul Maure and Andre Karlson, 1966-1967 1 Sound tape reel Language: English.
Box 2, Item 7	Otto and Gertrude Natzler, 1966-1967 1 Sound tape reel Language: English.
Box 2, Item 8	Joseph Nyiri, 1966-1967 1 Sound tape reel Language: English.
Box 2, Item 9	Harry Partch, 1966-1967 2 Sound tape reels Language: English.
Box 2, Item 10	Lily Pons, 1966-1967 1 Sound tape reel Language: English.
Box 2, Item 11	Vincent Price, 1966-1967 2 Sound tape reels Language: English.

Box 2, Item 12	Ernest Raboff, 1966-1967 1 Sound tape reel Language: English.
Box 2, Item 13	Fanya Chocam Sage, 1966-1967 1 Sound tape reel Language: English.
Box 2, Item 14	Atzie Schiff, 1966-1967 1 Sound tape reel Language: English.
Box 2, Item 15	Arthur Secunda, 1966-1967 2 Sound tape reels Language: English.
Box 2, Item 16	Art Seidenbaum, 1966-1967 1 Sound tape reel Language: English.
Box 2, Item 17	Austin Sellery, 1966-1967 1 Sound tape reel Language: English.
Box 2, Item 18	Vicci Sperry, 1966-1967 1 Sound tape reel Language: English.
Box 2, Item 19	Gloria Stuart, 1966-1967 1 Sound tape reel Language: English.
Box 2, Item 20	Henri Temianka, 1966-1967 1 Sound tape reel Language: English.
Box 2, Item 27	Henri Temianka lecture and performance, circa 1965-1968 1 Sound tape reel
Box 2, Item 21	Harry Trimborn, 1966-1967 1 Sound tape reel Language: English.
Box 2, Item 22	Maurice Tuchman, 1966-1967 1 Sound tape reel Language: English.
Box 3, Item 10	Congressman John Tunney weekly radio report, circa 1963 Notes: Found on side 2 of tape with Charles White lecture.

Box 2, Item 23	Ken Tyler, 1966-1967 1 Sound tape reel Language: English.
Box 2, Item 24	Gordon Wagner, 1966-1967 1 Sound tape reel Language: English.
Box 2, Item 25	Gordon Wagner and Arthur Secunda, 1966-1967 3 Sound tape reels Language: English.
Box 2, Item 26	June Wayne, 1966-1967 3 Sound tape reels Language: English.
Box 3, Item 1	Al Wein, 1966-1967 1 Sound tape reel Language: English.
Box 3, Item 2	Frederick Whitaker and Eileen Monaghan, 1966-1967 1 Sound tape reel (Includes transcript) 1 Sound cassette Language: English. Notes: Sound cassette is an access copy
Box 3, Item 3	Charles White, 1966-1967 1 Sound tape reel Language: English.
Box 3, Item 11	Charles White slide lecture, circa 1965-1968 1 Sound tape reel
Box 3, Item 4	Charles White and Ben Horowitz, 1966-1967 1 Sound tape reel Language: English.
Box 3, Item 12	Charles White and Ben Horowitz, Broadcast version, circa 1966-1967 1 Sound tape reel Notes: Broadcast version includes programming announcements and introductory material not present in original recording (Box 3, item 4).
Box 3, Item 5	Helen Wurdeman, 1966-1967 2 Sound tape reels Language: English.
Box 3, Item 6	Peter Yates, 1966-1967 1 Sound tape reel Language: English, Old (ca.450-1100).

Box 3, Item 7	Colin Young, 1966-1967 1 Sound tape reel Language: English.
Box 3, Item 8	Joseph Young, 1966-1967 1 Sound tape reel Language: English.
Box 3, Item 9	Father Jerry Ziegengeist, 1966-1967 1 Sound tape reel Language: English.
Box 1, Item 32	Los Angeles Art Association anniversary event, circa 1965 Notes: Speakers include Helen Wurdeman, Nick Brigante, Peter Krasnow, and Lorser Feitelson, among others, recounting stories in the history of the association for an anniversary event. Recording is fragmentary and shares tape with multiple programs, including Gill (reel 2, side 2), Kaplan (reel 1, side 2), Partch (reel 1, side 2), and Raboff (reel 1, side 2).
Box 2, Item 28	Interview with braille music notation expert, circa 1965-1968 Notes: Found on side 2 of tape with Maure interview.
Box 1, Item 30	Teen program on KPAL radio, 1967 Notes: Found on tapes with Feitelson interview.
Box 1, Item 31	Local candidate forum, Palm Springs, circa 1965-1968 Notes: Found on same tape as reel 2 of Hatfield program.

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