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Oral history interview with Ben Shahn

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Collection Overview

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Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

This interview conducted as part of the Archives of American Art's New Deal and the Arts project, which includes over 400 interviews of artists, administrators, historians, and others involved with the federal government's art programs and the activities of the Farm Security Administration in the 1930s and early 1940s.

Restrictions

Transcript available on the Archives of American Art website.

Biographical / Historical

Ben Shahn (1898-1969) was a painter and photographer from Roosevelt, N.J.

Scope and Contents

An interview of Ben Shahn conducted 1965 October 3, by Harlan Phillips, for the Archives of American Art New Deal and the Arts Project.

General

An interview of Charles Alston (9/28/65) conducted by H. Phillips is also on this tape.

General

Originally recorded 1 sound tape reel. Reformatted in 2010 as 1 digital wav file. Duration is 1 hr., 37 min.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- Art -- Economic aspects
- Artists -- Political activity -- California
- Federal aid to the arts
- Mural painting and decoration
- Painting -- Technique
- Painting, American

Types of Materials:

- Interviews
- Sound recordings

Names:

- New Deal and the Arts Oral History Project
- Rivera, Diego, 1886-1957

Occupations:

- Painters -- New Jersey -- Interviews