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Oral history interview with Joel Shapiro

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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 administrators.

Biographical / Historical

Joel Shapiro (1941-) is a sculptor from New York, N.Y.

Scope and Contents

An interview of Joel Shapiro conducted 1988 July 15-December 14, by Lewis Kachur, at the artist's home/studio in Westport, N.Y., for the Archives of American Art.

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Shapiro recalls his childhood in Queens, early plans for medical school, and a Peace Corps stint in India. He describes the New York art scene in the 1960s, including his own study at New York University. Shapiro relates the development of his work and showing at the Paula Cooper Gallery.

General

A portion of this interview was not transcribed.

General

Audio quality in the last portion of this interview is very poor.

General

Originally recorded on 6 sound cassettes. Reformatted in 2010 as 5 digital wav files. Duration is 4 hr., 13 min.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Art, Modern -- 20th century -- New York (State) -- New York
Sculptors -- New York (State) -- New York -- Interviews

Types of Materials:

Interviews
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Names:

New York University -- Students
Paula Cooper Gallery