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Oral history interview with Art Smith

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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives of American Art
Title:	Oral history interview with Art Smith
Date:	1971 August 24-31
Identifier:	AAA.smith71
Creator:	Smith, Art, 1917-1982 Cummings, Paul (Interviewer)
Extent:	27 Pages (Transcript)
Language:	English .
Digital Content:	Audio: Oral history interview with Art Smith, 1971 August 24-31, Digital Sound Recording (Excerpt)

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

These interviews are part of the Archives' 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.

Biographical / Historical

Art Smith (1917-1982) was a jewelry designer from New York, N.Y.

Scope and Contents

An interview of Art Smith conducted 1971 August 24-31, by Paul Cummings, for the Archives of American Art. Smith speaks of his background and education; teaching crafts to children; starting his own jewelry shop; his designs; materials and techniques; his use of stones; exhibitions of his work. He recalls Paul LaBelles.

General

Originally recorded 1 sound tape reel. Reformatted in 2010 as 4 digital wav files. Duration is 2 hr., 16 min.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

African American artists
Decorative arts
Designers -- New York (State) -- New York -- Interviews
Jewelers -- New York (State) -- New York -- Interviews
Jewelry making

Types of Materials:

Interviews
Sound recordings

Names:

LaBelles, Paul