



# Smithsonian

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## Robert Smithson interview

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	Archives of American Art
<b>Title:</b>	Robert Smithson interview
<b>Date:</b>	1968
<b>Identifier:</b>	AAA.smitrobe3
<b>Creator:</b>	Smithson, Robert Robbin, Tony (Interviewer)
<b>Extent:</b>	2 Items (sound cassettes)
<b>Language:</b>	English .

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## Administrative Information

### Acquisition Information

Gift of interviewer Tony Robbin, 1992.

### Citation

Robert Smithson interview conducted by Tony Robbin, 1968.

### Restrictions

Untranscribed; use requires an appointment.

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## Biographical / Historical

Sculptor, New York, N.Y; Born 1938, Died 1973. Tony Robbin, the interviewer is a writer, painter and sculptor.

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## Scope and Contents

An interview of Robert Smithson conducted by Tony Robbin.

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## Scope and Contents

Smithson discusses the conceptual theories that he employs in creating his artwork; the relationship between the "site" and the "nonsite" in his work; systems; and maps. Some works are physically described and a list of works and their measurements is read by Smithson.

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## General

Audio quality is poor; one side of each tape is blank.

## Names and Subject Terms

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

### Subjects:

Environmental artists -- New York (State) -- New York -- Interviews  
Sculptors -- New York (State) -- New York -- Interviews  
Sculpture, Modern -- 20th century

### Types of Materials:

Interviews  
Sound recordings

### Occupations:

Conceptual artists -- New York (State) -- New York -- Interviews