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Oral history interview with Richard Snyderman

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Collection Overview

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Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

This interview is 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.

Available Formats

Transcript: 35mm microfilm reel 4780 available at Archives of American Art offices and through interlibrary loan.

Restrictions

Transcript: Patrons must use microfilm copy.

Biographical / Historical

Richard Snyderman is a gallery director in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Director of Works Gallery which is owned by his wife, Ruth Snyderman.

Scope and Contents

An interview of Richard Snyderman conducted 1990 June 8, by Richard Polsky for the Archives of American Art Philadelphia Project.

Scope and Contents

Snyderman speaks about the Works Gallery, run by his wife Ruth Snyderman, the Snyderman Gallery and many of the furniture makers who have shown there including Wendell Castle and Garry Knox Bennett; collectors such as Irv Borowsky; the craft scene in Philadelphia including other gallery owners such as Helen Drutt and Richard Kagan; changes in the crafts field, both locally and nationally, during the past 25 years; the founding of the Head House Craft Fair in Philadelphia; and the development of the South Street-Society Hill section of Philadelphia.

General

Originally recorded on 2 sound cassettes. Reformatted in 2010 as 4 digital wav files. Duration is 2 hr., 31 min.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Art, American

Types of Materials:

Interviews

Sound recordings

Names:

Bennett, Garry Knox, 1934-
Borowsky, Irvin J.
Castle, Wendell, 1932-2018
Drutt, Helen Williams
Kagan, Richard
Snyderman Gallery
Snyderman, Ruth, 1937-
Works Gallery

Occupations:

Gallery directors -- Pennsylvania -- Philadelphia