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## Oral history interview with Ruth Snyderman

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## Collection Overview

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<b>Title:</b>	Oral history interview with Ruth Snyderman
<b>Identifier:</b>	AAA.snyderr90
<b>Date:</b>	1990 June 22
<b>Creator:</b>	Snyderman, Ruth, 1937- (Interviewee) Polsky, Richard (Interviewer)
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<b>Language:</b>	English .
<b>Digital Content:</b>	<a href="#">Audio: Oral history interview with Ruth Snyderman, 1990 June 22, Digital Sound Recording (Excerpt)</a>

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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.

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## Biographical / Historical

Ruth Snyderman (1937- ) is an art gallery owner and art dealer from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Founded and owns Works Gallery.

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## Scope and Contents

An interview of Ruth Snyderman conducted 1990 June 22, by Richard Polsky, for the Archives of American Art Philadelphia Project.

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Snyderman speaks of her family, her education, the Works Gallery in Philadelphia, the changes in the crafts field over her 25 years in business, and the development of the South Street - Society Hill section of Philadelphia.

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## General

Originally recorded on 2 sound cassettes. Reformatted in 2010 as 3 digital wav files. Duration is 1 hr., 45 min.

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## Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Art, American  
Women art dealers

Types of Materials:

Interviews  
Sound recordings

Names:

Works Gallery

Occupations:

Art dealers -- Pennsylvania -- Philadelphia