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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives of American Art
Title:	Artists' statement
Date:	1947
Identifier:	AAA.soyerapa
Creator:	Soyer, Raphael, 1899-1987
Extent:	2 Items ((on partial microfilm reel))
Language:	English .

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Provenance uncertain.

Available Formats

35mm microfilm reel N69-98 available for use at Archives of American Art offices and through interlibrary loan.

Restrictions

Use of original papers requires an appointment and is limited to the Archives' Washington, D.C., Research Center. Microfilmed materials must be consulted on microfilm. Contact Reference Services for more information.

Biographical / Historical

Soyer was a painter; New York, N.Y.

Scope and Contents

A typed letter from Raphael Soyer to "Dear Fellow Artist," enclosing a statement from a "group of artists" regarding the "status of our profession today." The statement, approved by 31 artists, deplores the growing dominance of art theorists and museum officials who were causing art, particularly abstract art, to become esoteric and exclusive. Among the artists whose names appear on the statement are Jacob Lawrence, William Gropper, Chaim Gross, Edward Hopper, Xavier Gonzalez, Yasuo Kuniyoshi, Soyer and his brother Moses, Isabel Bishop, and Abraham Rattner.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Artists' statements

Occupations:

Artists -- New York (State) -- New York