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Oral history interview with Paul Suttman

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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives of American Art
Title:	Oral history interview with Paul Suttman
Date:	1972 October 23
Identifier:	AAA.suttma72
Creator:	Suttman, Paul, 1933-1993 (Interviewee) Cummings, Paul (Interviewer)
Extent:	55 Pages (Transcript)
Language:	English .
Digital Content:	Audio: Oral history interview with Paul Suttman, 1972 October 23, Digital Sound Recording (Excerpt)

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.

Biographical / Historical

Paul Suttman (1933-1993) was a sculptor from New York, N.Y.

Scope and Contents

An interview of Paul Suttman conducted 1972 October 23, by Paul Cummings, for the Archives of American Art. Suttman speaks of his birthplace, Oklahoma; of living in New Mexico as a teenager; of his love of reading; his skill in drawing and making objects in his youth; rebuilding cars for drag races; of University of New Mexico; of a sculpture exhibition at Museum of Modern Art, N.Y. which showed him the possibilities of the medium; welding, sculpture, and other courses at the University; of being an architectural draftsman; Cranbrook and first cast bronzes; teaching position at University of Michigan; his year in Italy; work with Giacomo Manzù; return to Florence; American Academy at Rome; life and studio in Rome; methods of work; on aesthetics; and his art collection.

General

Originally recorded on 1 sound tape reel. Reformatted in 2010 as 2 digital wav files. Duration is 1 hr., 55 min.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Sculptors -- Italy -- Interviews
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Types of Materials:

Interviews
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