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## Oral history interview with James L. Tanner

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	Archives of American Art
<b>Title:</b>	Oral history interview with James L. Tanner
<b>Date:</b>	2011 October 7-8
<b>Identifier:</b>	AAA.tanner11
<b>Creator:</b>	Tanner, James L., 1941- (Interviewee) Savig, Mary, 1982- (Interviewer) Nanette L. Laitman Documentation Project for Craft and Decorative Arts in America
<b>Extent:</b>	5 Items (Sound recording: 5 sound files (2 hr., 46 min.)) 34 Pages (Transcript)
<b>Language:</b>	English .
<b>Digital Content:</b>	<a href="#">Digital Content: Oral history interview with James L. Tanner, 2011 October 7-8, Transcript</a> <a href="#">Audio: Oral history interview with James L. Tanner, 2011 October 7-8, Digital Sound Recording (Excerpt)</a>

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## Administrative Information

### Acquisition Information

This interview is part of the Archives of American Art 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 administrators.

### Available Formats

Transcript available online.

### Restrictions

Transcript available on the Archives of American Art website.

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## Biographical / Historical

James L. Tanner (1941- ) is a ceramic sculptor, painter, printmaker, and educator in Janesville, Minnesota.

## Scope and Contents

An interview of James L. Tanner conducted 2011 October 7 and 8, by Mary Savig, for the Archives of American Art's Nanette L. Laitman Documentation Project for Craft and Decorative Arts in America, at Tanner's home, in Janesville, Minnesota.

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## General

Originally recorded as 5 sound files. Duration is 2 hr., 46 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:

- Ceramicists -- Minnesota -- Interviews
- Educators -- Minnesota -- Interviews
- Painters -- Minnesota -- Interviews
- Printmakers -- Minnesota -- Interviews
- Sculptors -- Minnesota -- Interviews

### Types of Materials:

- Interviews
- Sound recordings

### Names:

- Nanette L. Laitman Documentation Project for Craft and Decorative Arts in America