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## Oral history interview with Edmund Rudolph Teske

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	Archives of American Art
<b>Title:</b>	Oral history interview with Edmund Rudolph Teske
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<b>Creator:</b>	Teske, Edmund, 1911-1996 (Interviewee) Larsen, Susan C. (Interviewer)
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<b>Language:</b>	English .
<b>Digital Content:</b>	<a href="#">Audio: Oral history interview with Edmund Rudolph Teske, 1980 May 27-30, Digital Sound Recording (Excerpt)</a>

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## Administrative Information

### Acquisition Information

These interviews are 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 others.

### Available Formats

Transcript: 35mm microfilm reel 3199 available at Archives of American Art offices and through interlibrary loan.

### Restrictions

Transcript: Patrons must use microfilm copy.

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## Biographical / Historical

Edmund Teske (1911-1996) was a photographer from Los Angeles, California.

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## Scope and Contents

An interview of Edmund Rudolph Teske conducted 1980 May 27-30, by Susan C. Larsen, for the Archives of American Art.

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Teske speaks of his family background; his early interest in photography, acting and music; Jane Addams' Hull House; working in A. George Miller's commercial photography studio; aspiring to be a cinematographer;

establishing the first photographic workshop at Taliesin North; photographing Chicago "in the spirit of Atget"; development of his technique; his subject matter; solarization and other printing processes; and his series, "Song of Dust". He recalls Aline Barnsdall, Sibyl Moholy-Nagy, Man Ray, Frank Lloyd Wright, and others.

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## General

Originally recorded on 4 sound cassettes. Reformatted in 2010 as 7 digital wav files. Duration is 3 hr., 38 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:

Photographers -- California -- Los Angeles -- Interviews  
Photography -- Printing processes

### Types of Materials:

Interviews  
Sound recordings

### Names:

Barnsdall, Aline, 1882-1946  
Moholy-Nagy, Sibyl, 1905-  
Ray, Man, 1890-1976  
Wright, Frank Lloyd, 1867-1959