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Oral history interview with José A. Torres Martino

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Collection Overview

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| Repository: | Archives of American Art |
| Title: | Oral history interview with José Antonio Torres Martínó |
| Date: | 1997 October 26 |
| Identifier: | AAA.torres97 |
| Creator: | Torres Martínó, José Antonio, 1916-2011 (Interviewee) Cancel, Luis R. (Interviewer) |
| Extent: | 6 Items (6 video files (2 hrs., 53 min.); digital, mov) 6 Items (6 video recordings (Betacam)) 39 Pages (Transcript) |
| Language: | Interview was conducted in Spanish. |
| Digital Content: | Digital Content: Oral history interview with José Antonio Torres Martínó, 1997 October 26, Transcript |

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 is available on the Archives of American Art's website.

Processing Information

This interview was audited and edited by Benji de la Piedra in 2025.

Restrictions

This interview is open for research. Contact Reference Services for more information.

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Biographical / Historical

José Antonio Torres Martínó (1916-2011) was a Puerto Rican painter and author. He co-founded the Puerto Rican Arts Center, the Escuela de Artes Plásticas y Diseño de Puerto Rico, and the Hermandad de Artistas Gráficos de Puerto Rico.

Biographical / Historical

Luis R. Cancel (1952-) is a Puerto Rican arts administrator and artist from New York City, N.Y. Cancel is the President of Esperanto Internet Services, LLC. He is the former director of the Bronx Museum of the Arts and a scholar on 20th century Latin American and Puerto Rican art.

Scope and Contents

An interview of José A. Torres Martino conducted 1997 October 26, by Luis Cancel, for the Archives of American Art's Puerto Rican Artists Video Project.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Artists -- Puerto Rico -- Interviews
Latino and Latin American artists

Types of Materials:

Interviews
Video recordings

Names:

Báez, Myrna, 1931-2018
Escuela de Artes Plásticas de Puerto Rico
Homar, Lorenzo
Maldonado, Antonio
Pratt Institute. Art School
Puerto Rican Artists Video Project
Rodríguez Báez, Félix, 1926-2013
Tufino, Rafael

Occupations:

Authors -- Puerto Rico
Painters -- Puerto Rico