



# Smithsonian

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The artist as social designer

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	Archives of American Art
<b>Title:</b>	The artist as social designer
<b>Date:</b>	1984-1985
<b>Identifier:</b>	AAA.tuchmaur2
<b>Creator:</b>	Tuchman, Maurice
<b>Extent:</b>	11 Items (sound cassettes (270 p. transcript) + 1 cassette edited for educational tours)
<b>Language:</b>	English .

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## Administrative Information

### Acquisition Information

Donated 1985 by Maurice Tuchman.

### Restrictions

Use of original papers requires an appointment and is limited to the Archives' Washington, D.C., Research Center. Contact Reference Services for more information.

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## Biographical / Historical

Curator; Los Angeles, Calif. Born 1936. Tuchman, Curator of Modern and Contemporary Art at the Los Angeles County Museum of Art, and his fellow curator, Maria de Herrera, arranged the closed discussion in preparation for an exhibition on public art and the contemporary artist's impulse toward functionalism.

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## Scope and Contents

Tape recording of a discussion on "The Artist as Social Designer" held at the Los Angeles County Museum of Art. Participants include Maurice Tuchman (moderator), Maria de Herrera, Scott Burton, Siah Armajani, Nancy Holt, Mary Miss, Elyn Zimmerman, Alan Sonfist, and Calvin Tomkins. Also included is a transcript of the planning meeting, 1984.

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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:

Art and society  
Curators -- California -- Los Angeles

Types of Materials:

Sound recordings

Names:

Armajani, Siah, 1939-  
Burton, Scott, 1939-1989  
De Herrera, Maria  
Holt, Nancy, 1938-2014  
Miss, Mary, 1944-  
Sonfist, Alan  
Tomkins, Calvin, 1925-  
Zimmerman, Elyn, 1945-

Occupations:

Environmental artists -- California -- Los Angeles  
Sculptors -- California -- Los Angeles