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## A Finding Aid to the Ruth Chai Vodicka Papers, 1950-1976, in the Archives of American Art

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	Archives of American Art
<b>Title:</b>	Ruth Chai Vodicka papers
<b>Date:</b>	1950-1976
<b>Identifier:</b>	AAA.vodiruth
<b>Creator:</b>	Vodicka, Ruth
<b>Extent:</b>	0.2 Linear feet
<b>Language:</b>	English .
<b>Summary:</b>	The scattered papers of sculptor Ruth Chai Vodicka measure 0.2 linear feet and date from 1950 to 1976. A resume, correspondence, photographs of Vodicka and works of art, exhibition catalogs, and other printed material document aspects of Vodicka's career.

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## Administrative Information

### Acquisition Information

Ruth Vodicka donated her papers to the Archives of American Art in 1977.

### Processing Information

The collection was processed, and a finding aid prepared by Jayna Josefson in 2023 with support from the Smithsonian American Women's History Initiative.

### Preferred Citation

Ruth Chai Vodicka papers, 1950-1976. Archives of American Art, Smithsonian Institution.

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## Biographical / Historical

Ruth Chai Vodicka (1921-1999) was a sculptor in New York City, New York. Vodicka began working in welded metal in the 1950s and took welding repair jobs to fund more materials for her artwork. She was a member of the Sculptors Guild.

## Scope and Contents

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## Arrangement

Due to the small size of this collection the papers are arranged as one series.

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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:

- Women artists
- Women sculptors

Occupations:

- Sculptors -- New York (State) -- New York

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## Container Listing

### Series 1: Ruth Chai Vodicka Papers, 1950-1976

#### *0.2 Linear feet (Box 1)*

Scope and Contents: Biographical materials include a resume. Correspondence is largely professional and includes letters from Mari Galleries and Herman Wouk. Two photographs depict Vodicka with her art. Other photos are of sculpture, most of which are labeled with titles, dates, and dimensions. Printed materials consist of clippings, exhibition announcements and catalogs for Vodicka's shows, and reproductions of works of art.

Box 1, Folder 1      Biographical Material, circa 1975

Box 1, Folder 2      Correspondence, 1955-1962

Box 1, Folder 3      Photographs, 1950-1965

Box 1, Folder 4      Printed Material, 1952-1976

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