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Benjamin West letter to Sir Francis Legatt Chantrey

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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives of American Art
Title:	Benjamin West letter to Sir Francis Legatt Chantrey
Date:	1817 Apr 7
Identifier:	AAA.westbenj1
Creator:	West, Benjamin, 1738-1820
Extent:	1 Item
Language:	English .

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Provenance unknown.

Available Formats

Two transcriptions of the letter are included in folder - one handwritten in pencil and one typed on letterhead of Stalker & Boos, Inc., Antiquarians, Birmingham, Mich.

Available Formats

Item has been digitized and is available on the Archives of American Art's website.

Restrictions

Use of original papers requires an appointment and is limited to the Archives' Washington, D.C., Research Center.

Biographical / Historical

Benjamin West (1738-1820) was a portrait and history painter, London, England. Born in Pennsylvania. In 1763, he moved to London and opened his own studio. In 1772 he was appointed the court historical painter to King George III. Served as president of the Royal Academy, 1792-1815.

Scope and Contents

One page handwritten letter dated April 7, 1817 from Benjamin West to sculptor Sir Francis Legatt Chantrey (West gives his name as "Mr. Chantery"). West requests figures by Antonio Canova (1757-1822) for a Royal Academy exhibition. He also refers to works by Chantrey entered into the exhibition.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Names:

Canova, Antonio, 1757-1822
Chantrey, Francis Legatt, Sir, 1782-1841
Royal Academy of Arts (Great Britain)

Occupations:

Sculptors