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Oral history interview with Otto Wittmann

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Collection Overview

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Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

This interview is part of the Archives' 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.

Biographical / Historical

Otto Wittmann (1911-2001) was a museum director and consultant from Toledo, Ohio.

Scope and Contents

An interview of Otto Wittmann conducted 1976 August 19-20, by Paul Cummings, for the Archives of American Art. Wittmann speaks of his family history and life in Kansas City; art courses at Harvard; his position at Nelson Gallery of Art; Sach's museum course at Harvard; teaching art history at Emerson College, Boston College, and Skidmore College; of being associate director of Toledo Museum of Art; of assembling a new staff, and of responsibilities as director.

General

Originally recorded on 3 sound tape reels. Reformatted in 2010 as 5 digital wav files. Duration is 4 hr., 41 min.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Art, American
Museum directors -- Ohio -- Interviews

Types of Materials:

Interviews
Sound recordings

Functions:

Art museums -- Ohio -- Toledo