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Thirteen; director, Alfred Broderick; producer,  
Elizabeth Davis; artistic consultant, Ruth Bowman

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	Archives of American Art
<b>Title:</b>	Murals without walls [videorecording] / WNET/Thirteen; director, Alfred Broderick; producer, Elizabeth Davis; artistic consultant, Ruth Bowman
<b>Date:</b>	1979
<b>Identifier:</b>	AAA.wnettelv
<b>Creator:</b>	WNET (Television station : New York, N.Y.)
<b>Extent:</b>	1 Videocassettes (U-matic) ((30 min); sd., col.; 3/4 in.)
<b>Language:</b>	Undetermined .

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## Administrative Information

### Acquisition Information

Donated by the American Federation of Arts, who sponsored a tour of the Newark Museum exhibition "Murals Without Walls: Arshile Gorky's Aviation Murals Rediscovered," July 1979-December 1980. The exhibit was curated by Ruth Bowman.

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## Scope and Contents

Describes the 1972 discovery and later conservation of Arshile Gorky's murals "Aviation" at the Newark, N.J. International Airport, executed in 1937 by Gorky as part of the Work Projects Administration art project. Art historian Ruth Bowman, N.J. Port Authority employees Saul Wenegrat and Stephen Staempler, and conservator Carroll Wales of Oliver Bros. are among those who describe their involvement. The murals are now in the Newark Museum.

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## Publication, Distribution, Etc. (Imprint)

New York : WNET/Thirteen, 1979.

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### General

Broadcast Dec. 1978 on WNET/Thirteen's Dateline, N.J. series. U-matic video produced April 16, 1979.

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### General

Based on the exhibition "Murals Without Walls: Arshile Gorky's Aviation Murals Rediscovered," Newark Museum, Nov. 1978-March 1979.

## Names and Subject Terms

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

### Subjects:

Mural painting and decoration -- 20th century -- Conservation and restoration  
Mural painting and decoration -- 20th century -- New Jersey -- Newark

### Names:

American Federation of Arts  
Bowman, Ruth, 1923-  
Broderick, Alfred  
Davis, Elizabeth  
Gorky, Arshile, 1904-1948  
WNET (Television station : New York, N.Y.)

### Places:

Newark Airport