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## Collection Overview

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## Administrative Information

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## Descriptive Entry

This accession consists of records that document the planning and execution of *Living Self-Portraits*, a series of interviews with prominent American artists. Marc Pachter, Chief Historian, conducted the interviews at the National Portrait Gallery (NPG). The "evenings" were a collaborative effort between the Resident Associates Program, Smithsonian Productions, WETA (Washington, DC's public television station), and NPG.

As stated in a letter to Agnes De Mille (interviewed October 10, 1990), "the self-portraits are informally autobiographical, going beyond what might be found in published biographical sources" and the format was "an hour of conversation with . . . Marc Pachter" before "a select group of 250 enthusiastic and informed guests to share the event in the Great Hall of the National Portrait Gallery." The interviews were videotaped and segments were to be used in the Smithsonian Productions series *Smithsonian World* that aired on WETA television.

The interviewees featured in the records are dancer and choreographer Agnes De Mille, actor Douglas Fairbanks, Jr., editor of the Washington Post Katharine Graham, and photographer Gordon Parks.

Materials include correspondence, memoranda, program notes, budgets, itineraries, sketches of the Great Hall (NPG), technical specifications, releases and agreements, logistical planning files, reference files, mailing lists, notes, and related records.

## Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Interviews  
Television -- Production and direction

Types of Materials:

Floor plans  
Manuscripts  
Sketches

Names:

De Mille, Agnes  
Fairbanks, Douglas, Jr., 1909-2000  
Fern, Alan Maxwell, 1930-  
Graham, Katharine, 1917-2001  
Pachter, Marc  
Parks, Gordon, 1912-2006  
Smithsonian Institution. Resident Associates Program  
WETA -TV (Television station : Washington, D.C.)

Preferred Titles:

*Smithsonian World (Television program : 1984-1991)*

## Container Listing

### Box 1

Box 1 of 1	Agnes De Mille (1/9/1990)
Box 1 of 1	Douglas Fairbanks, Jr. (10/24/1989)
Box 1 of 1	Katharine Graham (2/5/1992)
Box 1 of 1	Gordon Parks (6/25/1991)
Box 1 of 1	Production Notes
Box 1 of 1	<i>Self-Portrait</i> - Candidates