

Aaron Siskind Foundation (SC-38)

Records of the Aaron Siskind Foundation (SC-38)
1920-2020

Title Statement

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Descriptive Summary

Unit ID

SC-38

Unit ID

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Unit Date

1920-2020

Mixed Materials

SC-38 Box 1 (box)

Mixed Materials

SC-38 Box 2 (Oversize)

Computer Disks

RG-26 Box Disk-01 (box)

Computer Disks

RG-26 Box Disk-08 (box)

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English .

Abstract

The collection documents the activities of the Aaron Siskind Foundation during its years of operation, from 1984 to 2020. Aaron Siskind directed that his estate become a resource that would support contemporary photography and reward and encourage excellence in its practitioners. Since his death in 1991, the Aaron Siskind Foundation provided cash grants to individual photographic artists on a yearly basis until disbanding in 2020.

Creator

Aaron Siskind Foundation

source

Aaron Siskind Foundation

Extent

1.5 Linear Feet 4 boxes; 16 folders

Repository

Virginia Museum of Fine Arts Archives

Administrative Information

Conditions Governing Access

The collection is open for research.

Conditions Governing Use

The collection is subject to all copyright laws. Transmission or reproduction of materials protected by copyright, beyond that allowed by fair use, requires the researcher to obtain permission of copyright holders.

Processing Information

Original folder titles were retained when provided.

Preferred Citation

Records of the Aaron Siskind Foundation (SC-38). VMFA Archives, Richmond, Virginia.

Historical Note

Aaron Siskind directed that his estate become a resource that would support contemporary photography and reward and encourage excellence in its practitioners. Since his death in 1991, the Aaron Siskind Foundation provided cash grants to individual photographic artists on a yearly basis until disbanding in 2020. In addition, the Foundation worked to preserve and protect Siskind's artistic legacy, and fostered knowledge of and appreciation for his art through new books, exhibits, educational events and scholarly research.

Source: Aaron Siskind Foundation collection by the Center for Creative Photography at The University of Arizona

Scope and Contents

The collection documents the activities of the Aaron Siskind Foundation during its years of operation, from 1984 to 2020, and includes copies of Aaron Siskind's written works from the Center for Creative Photography and several original photographs by Siskind. Works in the collection include information on the organization's founding, bylaws, and art management, among other topics of interest. The collection's inclusive dates are 1920 to 2020. This collection contains articles, contact sheets, contracts, correspondence, media, photographs, printed materials, and reports.

Related Materials

Aaron Siskind Foundation collection at the Center for Creative Photography at The University of Arizona

Aaron Siskind archive at the Center for Creative Photography at The University of Arizona

Aaron Siskind papers, 1967-1977 at the Smithsonian Archives of American Art

Aaron Siskind photographs of Harlem, circa 1932-1941 at the David M. Rubenstein Rare Book and Manuscript Library, Duke University

Guide to the Aaron Siskind photographs M2582 at the Online Archive of California

Keywords

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Nonprofit organizations
Photography, Abstract
Aaron Siskind Foundation
Aaron Siskind Foundation

Related Materials - VMFA Library: Catalogs

The VMFA Library possesses a large collection of Aaron Siskind catalogs made searchable on Pandora. A sample of titles from this collection can be found below.

Aaron Siskind : mid-century modern First edition
Aaron Siskind : another photographic reality First edition.
Aaron Siskind Aaron Siskind and Louis Sullivan : the Institute of Design Photo Section Project 1st ed.
Aaron Siskind : order with the tensions continuing Interior drama : Aaron Siskind's photographs of the 1940s
Aaron Siskind 100 1st ed.
Aaron Siskind : the fragmentation of language
Aaron Siskind : toward a personal vision 1935-1955
Harlem photographs, 1932-1940
Bucks County : photographs of early architecture

Related Materials - VMFA Library: Exhibition Files

Exhibition file : Aaron Siskind and abstract photography of the 1950s and 60s : miscellaneous uncataloged material
Exhibition file : Photographs by Aaron Siskind : miscellaneous uncataloged material

Related Materials - VMFA Library: Artist File

Artist file : miscellaneous uncataloged material

Custodial History

The collection was transferred from the Registration and Curatorial departments as materials were discovered from 2020-2022.

General

The Records of the Aaron Siskind Foundation (SC-38) represent part of the significant 2020 gift of over 8,000 photographs donated by the Foundation to VMFA. For further details on this gift, please refer to the museum's press release.

Existence and Location of Originals

Originals of photocopied print materials are located at the Center for Creative Photography at the University of Arizona.

Arrangement

The collection is organized into 2 series, and items are generally arranged chronologically within each series. Items with no date are generally placed at the end of each series.

Description of Subordinate Components

Series 1: Aaron Siskind

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/69685

Unit Date 1920-2020

Extent 2 boxes 2 boxes; 7 folders

Scope and Contents

This series contains essays, printed material, and photographs documenting the life and art of Aaron Siskind. Additionally, the series contains photocopies of original print materials held by the Center for Creative Photography at the University of Arizona.

Biographical Materials

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/69687

Unit Date 1973

Mixed Materials SC-38 Box 1 (box)

Extent 1 folder

Scope and Contents

This file contains print materials that document Siskind's life and career.

Select Copies from "Writings" Series 3 from CCP Archives

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/69688

Unit Date circa 1920s-1950s

Mixed Materials SC-38 Box 1 (box)

Extent 1 folder

Scope and Contents

This file contains print materials that document Aaron Siskind's writings.

Existence and Location of Originals

Originals of photocopied print materials are located at the Center for Creative Photography at the University of Arizona.

"Treasures of American Modern Photography: The Gilbert Collection," Fujifilm Square

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/69689

Unit Date 2018

Mixed Materials SC-38 Box 1 (box)

Extent 1 folder

Scope and Contents

This file contains print materials that document the 2018 Fujifilm Square exhibition, "Treasures of American Modern Photography: The Gilbert Collection."

"Beyond the Frame: Aaron Siskind Photographs," Museum of Photographic Arts

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/69690

Unit Date 2020

Mixed Materials SC-38 Box 1 (box)

Extent 1 folder

Scope and Contents

This file contains print materials that document the 2020 Museum of Photographic Arts (MOPA) exhibition, "Beyond the Frame: Aaron Siskind Photographs."

Photographic Materials

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/69699

Unit Date 1939-1940

Extent 1 box

Scope and Contents

This file contains photographic materials that document the work of Aaron Siskind.

[Envelope], ASF 21148

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/69700

Unit Date undated

Mixed Materials SC-38 Box 2 (Oversize)

Creator Aaron Siskind Foundation

Extent 1 item

Extent Envelope

[Contact sheet of children outdoors], ASF 2013127

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/69701

Unit Date undated

Mixed Materials SC-38 Box 2 (Oversize)

Creator Siskind, Aaron, 1903-1991

Extent 1 item

Extent Contact sheet

Conditions Governing Use

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Keywords

Photography of children

[Photograph of Rockefeller Town House], ASF 2013205

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/69702

Unit Date 1939-1940

Mixed Materials SC-38 Box 2 (Oversize)

Creator Siskind, Aaron, 1903-1991

Extent 1 item

Extent

Black-and-white print (photograph).

Annotated verso reads:

"at the Rockefeller Town House (N.Y.C.)

(1939 or 1940)

photographed for ArtNews

Aaron Siskind

ASF 2013205"

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Keywords

Rockefeller family -- Homes and haunts -- New York (State)

[Photograph of an Aaron Siskind exhibition], ASF 2013084

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/69703

Unit Date undated

Mixed Materials SC-38 Box 2 (Oversize)

Extent 1 item

Extent Black-and-white print (photograph)

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Keywords

Art, American. 20th century. Exhibitions

Siskind, Aaron, 1903-1991

Series 2: Aaron Siskind Foundation

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/69686

Unit Date 1983-2019

Extent 3 boxes3 boxes; 9 folders

Scope and Contents

This series contains the correspondence, legal documents, and media of the Aaron Siskind Foundation. Materials within document the establishment of the foundation, its functions, and its dissolution.

Art Sales

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/69691

Unit Date 1983-2017

Mixed Materials SC-38 Box 1 (box)

Extent 1 folder

Scope and Contents

This file contains print materials that document sales of Aaron Siskind's artwork.

Aaron Siskind Will

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/69692

Unit Date 1984-1992

Mixed Materials SC-38 Box 1 (box)

Extent 1 folder

Scope and Contents

This file contains print materials that document the creation of the Aaron Siskind Foundation through terms outlined in Siskind's will and in meetings with him.

Gifts

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/69693

Unit Date 1987-2019

Mixed Materials SC-38 Box 1 (box)

Extent 1 folder

Scope and Contents

This file contains print materials that document gifts made by the Aaron Siskind Foundation to artists and institutions.

Copyright

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/69694

Unit Date 1993-2011

Mixed Materials SC-38 Box 1 (box)

Extent 1 folder

Scope and Contents

This file contains print materials that document copyright assignments made by the Aaron Siskind Foundation and copyright requests made to the Foundation.

Government Financial Records

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/69695

Unit Date 1993-2011

Mixed Materials SC-38 Box 1 (box)

Extent 1 folder

Scope and Contents

This file contains print materials that document the federal and state tax status of the Aaron Siskind Foundation.

Art Management

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/69696

Unit Date 2003-2009

Mixed Materials SC-38 Box 1 (box)

Computer Disks RG-26 Box Disk-01 (box)

Computer Disks RG-26 Box Disk-08 (box)

Extent 3 boxes3 boxes; 1 folder

Scope and Contents

This file contains print materials and CD's that document the Aaron Siskind Foundation's organization system for Siskind works in their care.

Pricing Reports

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/69704

Unit Date 2008-2009

Mixed Materials SC-38 Box 1 (box)

Extent 1 folder

Scope and Contents

This file contains pricing reports for Siskind artworks.

Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/69697

Unit Date undated

Mixed Materials SC-38 Box 1 (box)

Extent 1 folder

Scope and Contents

This file contains the articles of incorporation and bylaws for the Aaron Siskind Foundation.

Mission Statement

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/69698

Unit Date undated

Mixed Materials SC-38 Box 1 (box)

Extent 1 folder

Scope and Contents

This file contains the mission statement of the Aaron Siskind Foundation.