

Preliminary Finding Aid for the Stanley Sporny Papers

Title: The Stanley Sporny Papers

Accession No.: 2024.01

Dates of Creation: 1992 – 2008

Dates of Accumulation: 1934 - 2008

Biography of Stanley Sporny – Born in 1946 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Stanley Sporny attended the Philadelphia College of Art and the University of Pennsylvania. In the summer of 1972, he was sponsored by Alex Katz to attend the Skowhegan School in Maine. From 1972 to 1975 he received the Albright Scholarship to study in Sri Lanka. Stanley Sporny would then go on to teach at Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge from 1987 to 1988 before becoming a teacher at Marshall University in West Virginia in 1989 and stayed there for the remainder of his life. Stanley Sporny exhibited his artwork widely throughout his career and his works can be found in multiple museums, including the National Museum of American Art. His work was shown in such places as New Orleans, Atlanta, and Washington D.C. Stanley Sporny passed away in 2008 at the age of 62.

Scope and Content: The collection is arranged in 1 Box and has no series. The scope of this collection contains Stanley Sporny's personal materials, such as letters written to him over the course of a few years. Personal photos that were taken of him and by him, correspondence between Sporny and galleries/auctioneers regarding his artwork and notes of gratitude from teachers, thanking him for speaking with their classes as well as awards for excellence in his field. Several folders have photocopies of some of his artwork over the years and ads/pamphlets of different exhibitions/galleries he had or attended. Materials collected during his time teaching at Marshall and Louisiana State, such as research grants, syllabi and tenure applications and recommendations as well as class evaluations by both students and co-workers are found in several folders. Articles that Sporny saved whether about him and his accomplishments or those of his students. Folders containing materials regarding his Sporny Solution, patent applications, chemical notes, and correspondence regarding the solution, can be found within the collection.

Personal

Box 1

Scrapbook 1: Stanley Sporny Scrapbook

Folder 1: Stanley Sporny Personal Material

Folder 2: Stanley Sporny Artwork

Folder 3: Stanley Sporny Artwork

Folder 4: Stanley Sporny Art Related Materials

Folder 5: Stanley Sporny Teaching

Folder 6: Stanley Sporny Teaching

Folder 7: Stanley Sporny Articles (Students)

Folder 8: Stanley Sporny Articles

Folder 9: Stanley Sporny Articles

Folder 10: Stanley Sporny Solution

Folder 11: Stanley Sporny Solution

Folder 12: Stanley Sporny Solution