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1 **KEN PRICE (1935-2012)** Untitled (tequila cups) (2) each glazed ceramic first 1 7/8 x 2 1/4 x 1 5/8 in. (4.8 x 5.7 x 4.1 cm); second 1 7/8 x 2 1/2 x 1 5/8 in. (4.8 x 6.4 x 4.1 cm)

\$3,000 - 5,000

Provenance Acquired directly from the artist by the present owner.



2 KEN PRICE (1935-2012)

Untitled, 1999 signed and dated 'Price '99' (lower left) and dedicated (on the reverse of the frame) ink and acrylic on paper 4 7/8 x 8 1/8 in. (12.4 x 20.6 cm)

\$15,000 - 25,000

Provenance

A gift from the artist to the present owner.

JOE GOODE (BORN 1937) Untitled (from the Torn Cloud Series), 1975 oil on canvas 60 x 60 in. (152.4 x 152.4 cm)

\$60,000 - 80,000

Provenance

James Corcoran Gallery, Los Angeles. Acquired from the above by the previous owner, *circa* 1975. By descent from the above to the present owner.



As part of an ongoing commitment by the Bonhams Made in California team to add to the creative scholarship and documentation of California's extraordinary group of postwar artists, we invited Los Angeles artist Joe Goode over to the Bonhams Los Angeles gallery to have a chat with Contemporary Art Director Dane Jensen in front of Goode's untitled Torn Sky (1975) painting, a painting the artist hadn't seen in forty years. Untitled (Torn Sky) is part of a larger series beginning in the late 1960s in which Goode creates two paintings that form one work by overlaying two canvases. The top layer is sliced with a variety of cutting tools to reveal the work underneath. Collectively they are encased in a Plexi box allowing for the sculptural, dystopian image of an idyllic but pollution filled sky to emerge. He discusses his interest in painting the ephemeral, the ideas of chance and surprise in creating his work, the multi-dimensional quality of the Torn Sky series, the meta way in which his process of creation informs the image, his influences, and how smog differs in London from LA smog among other things.

Dane Jensen: One of the recurring motifs in your paintings are naturally occurring phenomena—tornadoes, forest fires, waterfalls and the atmosphere. The sky and clouds as tropes often occupy a bit of a different place than perhaps a forest fire—a more poetic place within the history painting or other cultural production. So what does the sky represent for you? What fascinates you about the sky?

Joe Goode: There are several things that interest me about the idea of painting an image of the sky. For one thing it is never the same twice. That essentially means I can do anything I want and it still looks what I am intending to make an image of. The same thing with fires and things like that. I tend to gravitate towards images that are constantly changing like seasons and other things in nature. I don't know why but I do.

DJ: You are creating with these paintings something akin to static document of the ephemeral, something which is constantly evolving. How did the shifting aspect of the subject influence the process of creating the work?

JG: Oh yeah and I kind of think of that when I look at it (*Torn Sky*). I painted the under-layer first, then I let it dry and then I painted the top layer. Then I let it dry. I then placed one over the other and cut it while it was on the first canvas. That made it much more interesting as it was almost like by cutting, it was like painting at the same

time. I could see parts of the painting underneath and other parts I remembered so I kind of knew what would result when I cut the top layer. And then some parts I didn't remember so it was a surprise. And then I had to deal with the tension. I had to be careful before I cut certain places or the whole thing would fall apart. But those were the challenges of it and that's what really interested me about the actual making of these pieces.

DJ: Can we talk a little bit about the impetus for tearing the canvas? There is a really interesting element to this, which is the performative gesture and action of tearing in addition to the process of painting. Even aesthetically the work has a drape in the outer layer, which, again, makes one think of a curtain in a theater.

JG: At the time, I wanted to make a painting where I never knew exactly what I was doing. So I might cover a work and leave it for six months and not remember which painting was underneath. I'd have maybe five of them out at the same time so it always really interested me to cut in and try to think what was behind this thing before I would see it. The secondary consideration was to provide the tension that allowed me to cut it in such a way that the whole thing would look taut and at the same time wouldn't fall apart. The fragileness of it I don't think I was really too much aware of it at the time when I decided to make these, but I was aware of it when I was cutting.

Aesthetically I was really more aware what was in the bottom and what was at the top of the composition and also what was reflected. The idea of putting Plexiglas over the work was really visually important to me. A lot of collectors wanted to take it off and I'd say "yeah, take it off" but then it's your painting then, not mine. Because the idea of putting Plexiglas over the work was the idea of layering that I was looking through a reflective surface to see that painting through another. It's like a window. One sky through another one, and then in the reflection of the Plexiglas I was seeing what was in back of me and what was in front of me. At the same time, I could also see myself. So it was like four layers. The reflection from the Plexiglas really completed the thought of what I was trying to do.

DJ: Do you see your work then, the finished work with the Plexiglas, as a sculpture or a painting?

JG: I see it as a painting, but I see it as a multi-dimensional painting.

DJ: I wanted to talk a little bit about some of the dualities that one sees in your work and the historical context of the cultural climate at the time. In Torn Sky we have convalescent sky combined with a cut surface with a seemingly violent cut or, perhaps, one that alludes to the threat of violence. We have a picturesque blue sky at the top of the painting with a pollution cloud and poisonous green air at the bottom. Was the turbulence of the political and social scene in the late 60s and early 70s sculpt a factor in influencing your work in some way?

JG: No, it really didn't and I was really concerned with nature itself. The cuts...they look really violent, but it is amazing how careful I had to be to cut the canvas. I couldn't cut it fast, even though it looks like it's been cut fast. No way I could have done that because it would have collapsed.

DJ: So your method of slicing the canvas was more of a slow, measured cutting?

JG: It was very slow and often times I would reach a point and I would think if I go any farther that this, I could lose the whole thing.

DJ: So there is a precarity in the process.

JG: The process of doing it was very much like the image itself—of what I was trying to portray. The presence of pollution in the sky polluting was destroying it. What I was doing was the same thing.

DJ: *That is interesting! The fragility of the sky and of the* atmosphere is then a proxy for the process of creating your work.

JG: I was a lot smarter then, than I am now (laughter).

DJ: One of the great things about working in L.A. in the late 60s and early 70s was it seems like there was a really nice exchange of ideas, conversation and dialogue between the community of artists. One could think about a Larry Bell Cube, for example, with your shared use of reflective material and the environment. Were you influenced by some of your peers in LA at the time?

JG: I don't think so. I don't know what Larry was doing when I was making *Torn Sky*. Maybe he was making cubes, maybe he was doing other things. I don't know. But he and I have been friends since art school. We went to art school together, so we've always been friends. My situation with Larry and how I would have been influenced by him is no different than how I might have been influenced by Ruscha or by anybody. I don't see it, but I'm not saying it is not there.

DJ: In looking at some of your more direct influences, there is an interesting lineage in art of creating through the process of destruction in the works of Lucio Fontana and his sliced canvases or Niki de Saint Phalle and her Gunshot paintings (called Tirs in French) who was working here in California at the time. Were influenced by either of their work when you were working in the Torn Sky series?

JG: I met Niki when she was here, but I don't think I was really influenced by her work. I was working along those lines before I even knew about her work. With Fontana, I definitely was. I only saw images of his paintings, but I never actually saw his work in person. I don't think I looked at it as if to say "I could do something like that," but I know that subconsciously it affected me.

DJ: Is there an element that differentiates this Torn Sky painting from the others paintings in the larger Torn Sky series?

JG: I think I did eight or ten of these painting, of this size. And they all have various degrees of smog in it. So basically, to me, it was color of the smog that changed from work to work.

DJ: Where was the first venue you exhibited the Torn Sky series?

JG: It was a gallery called Felicity Samuel Gallery in London. She was not there very long and she was interested in the art world for very short time.

DJ: Given that your sky paintings depicted a Los Angeles sky and the pollution present here at the time, how were your works received by the public when they were viewed in London?

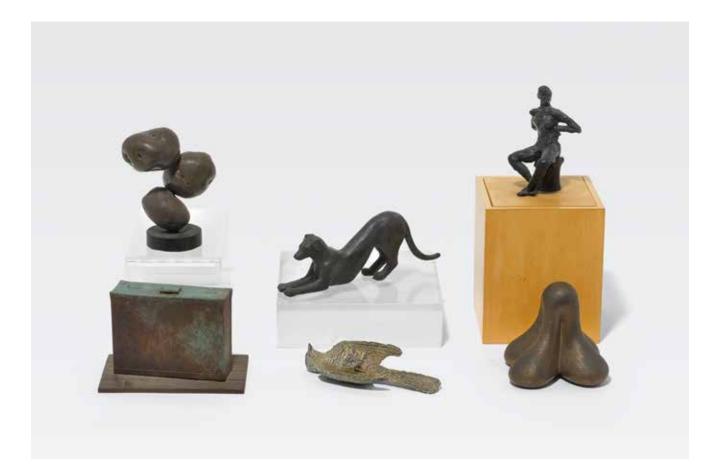
JG: Well, they didn't see them as smog. They didn't see them as landscapes, either. They didn't see the smog as anything. Their smog didn't look like ours. Their sky was primarily cloudy, ours is primarily sunshine. It had totally different colors.

DJ: Art is often filtered through a contemporary lens, seen through what the critical challenges of that time are. In the age where we have daunting environmental challenges, how do you see your depiction of a polluted sky today?

JG: I think that at the time I saw smog as destroying the sky. I wasn't thinking of larger environmental issues. I just thought of Los Angeles. I wasn't that clever (laughter).



Joe Goode in his studio, cica. 1973. © Steven Steinman



A GROUP OF SIX EDITIONS FROM THE FROSTIG ART COLLECTION

- i. Charles Arnoldi, Crybaby, 2004
- ii. Michael C. McMillen, Maquette for the Studio, 2004
- iii. Sarah Perry, Speak for Me, 2004
- iv. Ken Price, Lunk, 2004
- v. Gwynn Murrill, Stretching Dog Maquette, 2004
- vi. Robert Graham, Untitled, 2005

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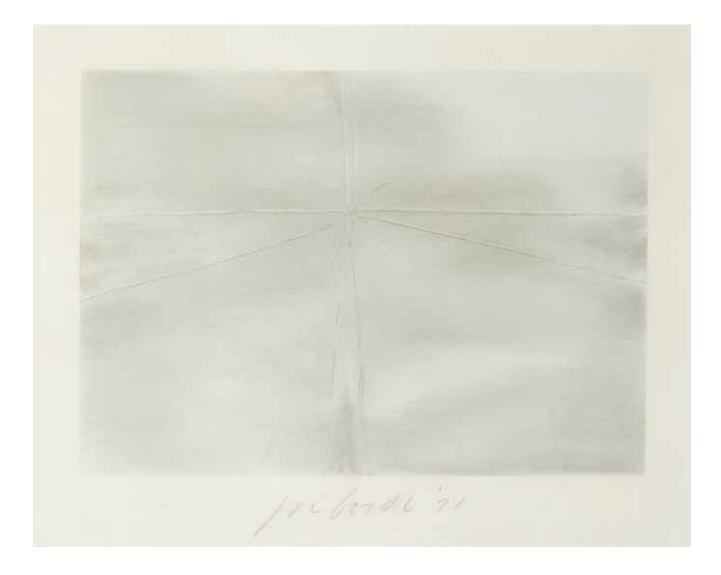
i.-v. bronze; vi. bronze on wooden base

i. 4 1/2 x 3 1/2 x 3 1/2 *in.* (11.4 x 8.9 x 8.9 cm); *ii.* 3 3/4 x 5 7/8 x 3 7/8 *in.* (9.5 x 14.9 x 9.8 cm); *iii.* 1 1/2 x 5 3/4 x 2 1/4 *in.* (3.8 x 14.6 x 5.7 cm); *iv.* 4 x 4 7/8 x 4 3/4 *in.* (10.2 X 12.4 X 12.1 cm); *v.* 3 x 7 1/2 x 1 1/2 *in.* (7.6 x 19 x 3.8 cm); *vi.* 4 1/2 x 2 7/8 x 2 1/4 *in.* (11.4 x 7.3 x 5.7 cm), dimensions of base 6 x 5 x 5 *in.* (15.2 x 12.7 x 12.7 cm) *i.-v.* from the edition of 200; *vi.* from the edition of 89. Each published by the Frostig Center, Pasadena, California.

\$3,000 - 5,000

Provenance

Acquired directly from the Frostig Center by the present owner.



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5 **JOE GOODE (BORN 1937)** *Tied Up*, 1971 signed and dated 'Joe Goode '71' (lower center) and inscribed (on the reverse) pastel on paper *11 1/2 x 14 1/2 in. (29.2 x 36.8 cm)*

\$2,000 - 4,000

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KEN PRICE (1935-2012)

Industrial Cup Box, 1960 signed and dated 'PRICE '60' (on the underside of the box) painted and glazed ceramic cup with collaged and painted box construction $9 \times 75/8 \times 55/8$ in. (22.9 x 19.4 x 14.3 cm)

\$15,000 - 25,000

Provenance

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Hirsh, Los Angeles. By descent from the above to the present owner.

Ken Price often addressed the fragility of ceramics by creating custom boxes that with the ceramic object collectively formed the artwork. Stephanie Barron, senior curator and department head of modern art at the Los Angeles County Museum of Art, discusses the cases accompanying his ceramic works:

With his earliest works Price was concerned with how they were presented. Extremely pragmatic and mindful of unfortunate experiences of mishandling and damage, yet wanting to maintain an intimate scale, he designed specific casework for particular pieces. In order to give a 1960 group of elaborate glazed cups a controlled environment, they were housed in Cornell-like boxes, often replete with collaged elements on the box interiors.¹

¹ S. Barron, "Lumps, Bumps, Grooves, and Curves: Fifty Years of Ken Price Sculpture", Ken Price Sculpture: A Retrospective, Los Angeles: Los Angeles County Museum of Art; Munich: DelMonico Books, Prestel, 2012, p. 23.







7 BILLY AL BENGSTON (BORN 1934)

L Duke 4, 1971 titled and dated (on artist's studio label on the reverse) burnished aluminum 48 x 50 in. (121.9 x 127 cm)

\$8,000 - 12,000

Provenance

Locksley Shea Gallery, Minneapolis. Acquired from the above by the previous owner in 1971. By descent from the above to the present owner.





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TONY BERLANT (BORN 1941)

Watteau's Tale, 2003 found tin collage with steel brads on plywood 4 x 4 x 4 in. (10.2 x 10.2 x 10.2 cm)

\$2,000 - 3,000

Provenance

John Berggruen Gallery, San Francisco. Acquired from the above by the present owner in September 2004.

GORDON WAGNER (1915-1987)

Kwan Yin #4, 1968 signed, titled and dated 'Wagner 68' (on the stretcher) wood, metal, oil and latex on canvas *44 1/8 x 32 in. (112.1 x 81.3 cm)*

\$2,000 - 3,000

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Provenance

Lee Nordness Galleries, New York. Dermot Begley, Los Angeles.



10 PETER VOULKOS (1924-2002)

Untitled (plate), 1972 signed and dated 'Voulkos 72' (on the underside) gas fired wheel-thrown stoneware and porcelain with glaze 4 in. (10.2 cm) (height); 16 1/4 in. (41.3 cm) (diameter)

\$6,000 - 8,000

Provenance

Anon. sale, Butterfield & Butterfield, San Francisco, 30 April 1987, lot 3381. Acquired from the above sale by the present owner.

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PETER VOULKOS (1924-2002) Untitled (plate), 1973 signed and dated 'Voulkos 73' (on the underside) gas fired wheel-thrown stoneware with porcelain pass-through, pushthroughs, cobalt oxide/slip and clear glaze 3 3/4 in. (9.5 cm) (height); 18 7/8 in. (47.9 cm) (diameter)

\$7,000 - 9,000

Provenance

Private Collection, San Francisco. Anon. sale, Abell Auctions, 6 October 2013, lot 439. Acquired at the above sale by the present owner.

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PETER VOULKOS (1924-2002)

Untitled (plate), 1986 signed and dated 'Voulkos 86' (on the side lip); numbered 'P4-1/7' (on the underside) and stamped twice with the foundry mark 'Artworks Foundry' (on the underside) bronze

5 1/4 in. (13.3 cm) (height); 16 1/4 in. (41.3 cm) (diameter) This work is from the incomplete edition of 7 plus 2 artist's proofs.

\$10,000 - 15,000

Provenance

Braunstein/Quay Gallery, San Francisco. Acquired from the above by the present owner.

Exhibited

Logan, Nora Eccles Harrison Museum of Art, *Peter Voulkos: Bronze*, 28 August-22 October 2000. San Francisco, Braunstein/Quay Gallery, *Peter Voulkos Bronzes*, 5 October-5 November 2005.

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13 BILLY AL BENGSTON (BORN 1934) Untitled, 1959

signed and dated 'Bengston 1959' (lower right) and inscribed (lower left) oil on paper $5 \ 1/8 \ x \ 5 \ 1/2 \ in. \ (13 \ x \ 14 \ cm)$

\$1,500 - 2,500

Provenance

Private Collection (a gift from the artist). Chez Camille, West Hollywood. Acquired from the above by the present owner.



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TONY BERLANT (BORN 1941)

Aug. 7, 1944 - Caught Napping #78, 1990 signed, titled, and dated 'Berlant 1990' (on the reverse) found metal collage with steel brads on panel 20 x 18 3/4 in. (50.8 x 47.6 cm)

\$2,500 - 3,500

Provenance

Helander Gallery, Palm Beach. LewAllen Gallery, Santa Fe. L.A. Louver, Venice. Louis Stern Fine Arts, West Hollywood.

Exhibited

Venice, L.A. Louver, *Tony Berlant: Recent Work*, 1-29 December 1990. West Hollywood, Louis Stern Fine Arts, *Imaginary Realities: Surrealism Then and Now*, 19 September-12 November 1996.



15 **CARL MORRIS (1911-1993)** *Untitled* signed 'CARL MORRIS' (lower right) oil on canvas 42 1/4 x 49 1/2 in. (107.3 x 125.7 cm)

\$6,000 - 9,000



KARL KASTEN (1916-2010) *Trysting Place*, 1962 signed 'KASTEN' (lower left); signed, titled, inscribed and dated 'Karl Kasten '62' (on the reverse) oil on canvas 38 1/4 x 31 5/8 in. (97.2 x 80.3 cm)

\$2,000 - 4,000



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JOHN SACCARO (1913-1981)

Sensory Vector, 1956 signed and dated 'Saccaro 56' (lower right); signed, titled, inscribed and dated (on the reverse) oil on canvas 52×64 in. (132.1 x 162.6 cm)

\$10,000 - 15,000

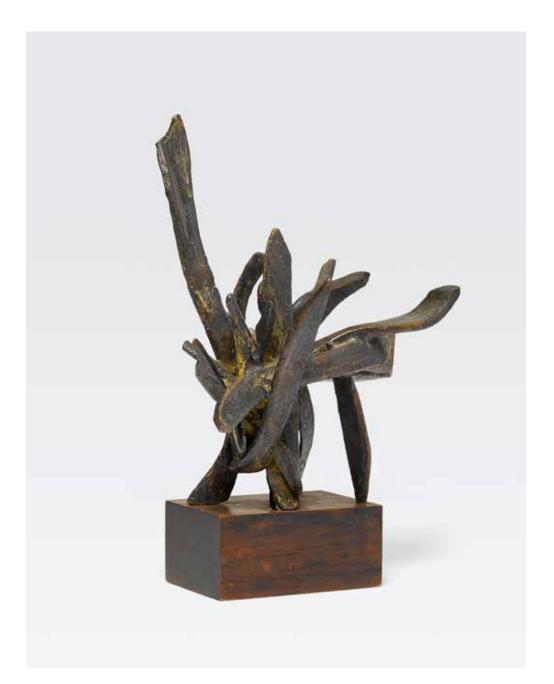
Provenance

The Carlson Gallery, San Francisco.

Exhibited

San Francisco, The Carlson Gallery, *Abstract Expressionists: A Historical Survey of Northern California Artists; Catalog No. 5: A Year Long Series of Exhibitions, Abstract Expressionists Active 1945-1960*, 3-31 March 1990, illustrated in color on p. 16 of the exhibition catalogue.

The present lot is accompanied by a copy of the aforementioned exhibition catalogue.



18 JACQUES SCHNIER (1898-1988)

Ambulating Space Prober, 1963 signed and dated 'SCHNIER 63' (on the reverse) bronze on wooden base 13 1/2 x 11 1/2 x 6 in. (34.3 x 29.2 x 15.2 cm)

\$2,500 - 3,500

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19 GREGORY KONDOS (BORN 1923)

Beach, 1975 signed and dated 'g. kondos 1975' (lower right) oil on canvas 72 x 64 in. (182.9 x 162.6 cm)

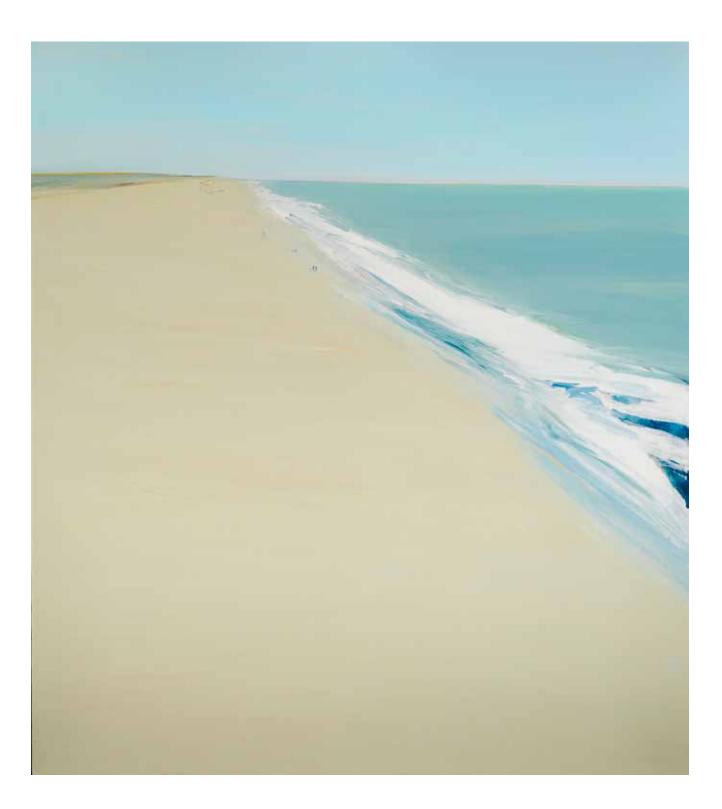
\$20,000 - 30,000

Provenance

Dana Reich Gallery, San Francisco. Acquired from the above by present owner in 1976.



(detail)



20 WILLIAM THEOPHILUS BROWN (1919-2012) Untitled, 1994 signed and dated 'Theophilus Brown 94' (lower right) acrylic on paper 7 7/8 x 12 3/4 in. (20 x 32.4 cm)

\$2,000 - 3,000

Provenance The North Point Gallery, San Francisco.



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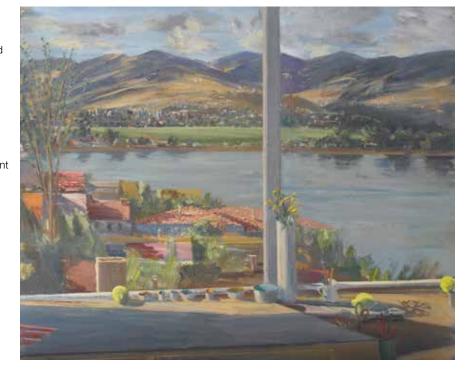
LARRY COHEN (BORN 1952)

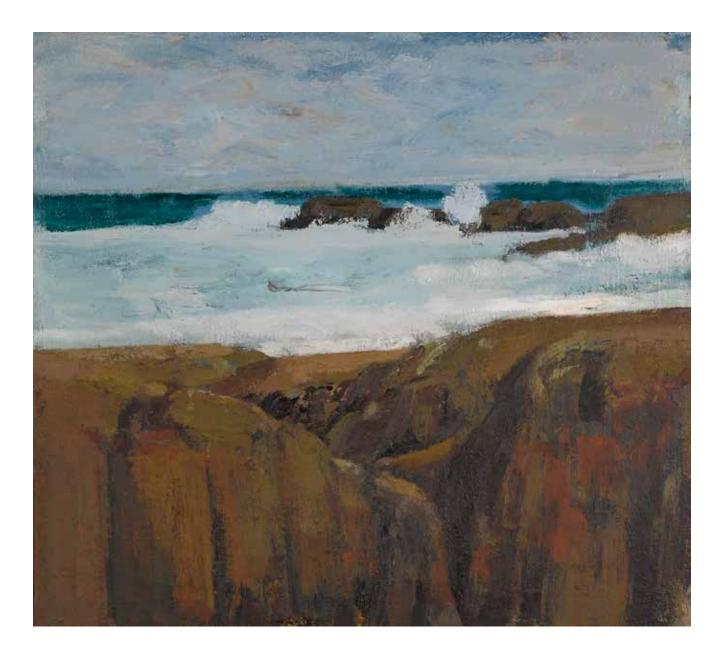
View of the Silver Lake Reservoir, 2001 signed 'LARRY COHEN' (on the reverse) and signed again 'LARRY COHEN' (on the stretcher) oil on canvas 44 x 54 in. (111.8 x 137.2 cm)

\$3,000 - 5,000

owner.

Provenance Acquired directly from the artist by the present





22 JAMES WEEKS (1922-1998) Ocean Surf, 1965 signed and dated 'J Weeks 65' (on the reverse)

acrylic on canvas 25 1/2 x 28 in. (64.8 x 71.1 cm)

\$8,000 - 12,000

Provenance

Felix Landau Gallery, Los Angeles. Anon. sale, Butterfields, San Francisco, 24 October 2000, lot 5046. Hackett-Freedman Gallery, San Francisco (acquired at the above sale). Acquired from the above by the present owner.

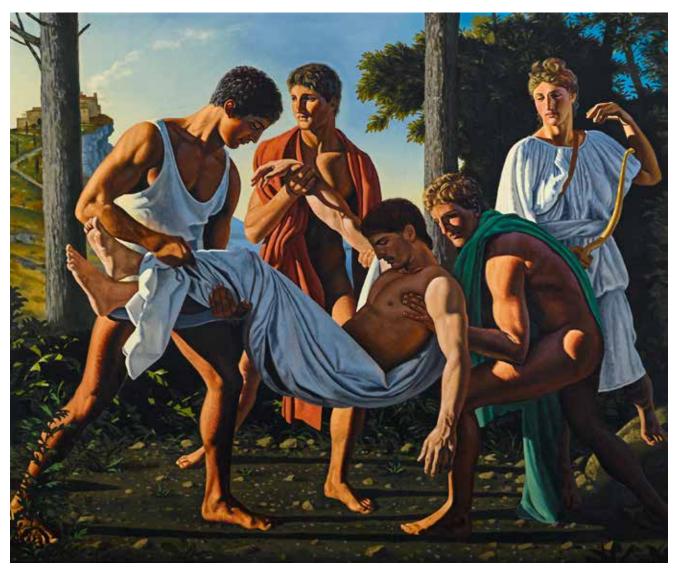


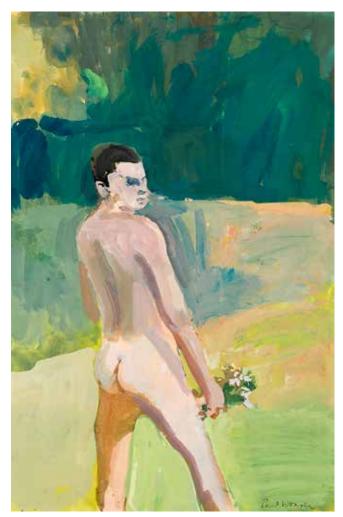
DAVID LIGARE (BORN 1945) Study of a Youth Wearing a Champion's Laurel Wreath, 1984 signed and dated 'D. Ligare © 1984' (on the reverse) oil on board 12 in. (30.5 cm) (diameter)

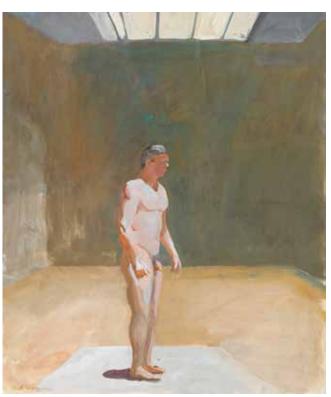
\$2,000 - 3,000

24 **DAVID LIGARE (BORN 1945)** The Death of Meleager, 1987 signed, titled and dated 'D. Ligare 1987' (on the reverse) oil on canvas 40 x 48 in. (101.6 x 121.9 cm)

\$7,000 - 9,000







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25 PAUL WONNER (1920-2008)

Portrait of a Man signed 'Paul Wonner' (lower right) gouache on paper 17 1/2 x 11 1/4 in. (44.5 x 28.6 cm)

\$3,000 - 5,000

Provenance Acquired directly from the artist by the present owner.

26 PAUL WONNER (1920-2008)

Model in Large Studio, 1968 signed 'Paul Wonner' (lower left); titled and inscribed (on the reverse) gouache on paper 16 7/8 x 14 in. (42.9 x 35.6 cm)

\$6,000 - 8,000

Provenance

Felix Landau Gallery, Los Angeles. DC Moore Gallery, New York.

Exhibited

Sacramento, Crocker Art Museum, *Back To Life: Bay Area Figurative Drawings*, 11 October 2015-1 May 2016.

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PAUL WONNER (1920-2008)

Figure by Terrace Table in Spring, 1960 signed 'Paul Wonner' (lower right); signed again and dated 'Paul Wonner 1960' (on the reverse) oil on canvas 49 1/2 x 46 5/8 in. (125.7 x 118.4 cm)

\$20,000 - 30,000





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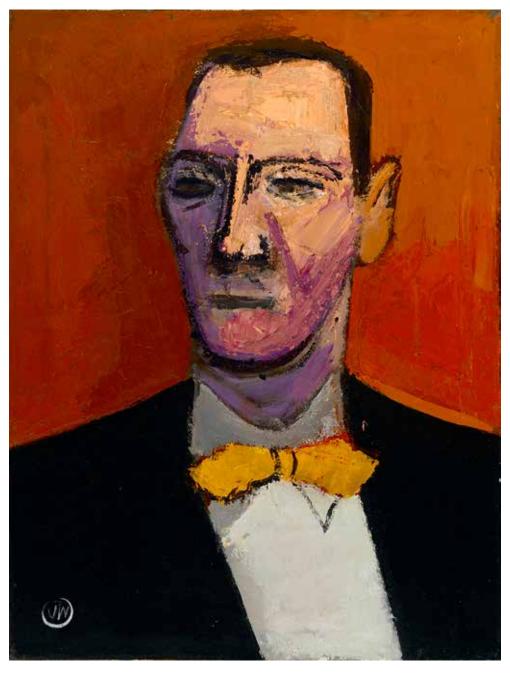
RAIMONDS STAPRANS (BORN 1926)

Purple Bouquet, 1965 signed and dated 'STAPRANS-65' (lower left) oil on canvas 25 1/8 x 16 in. (63.8 x 40.6 cm)

\$4,000 - 6,000

Provenance

Maxwell Galleries, San Francisco. Acquired from the above by the present owner.



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JAMES WEEKS (1922-1998)

Portrait Head, 1949 signed with artist's monogram (lower left); signed again, titled, inscribed and dated 'James Weeks 1949' (on the reverse) oil on canvas 25 7/8 x 19 7/8 in. (65.7 x 50.5 cm)

\$3,000 - 5,000

Provenance Allan Stone Gallery, New York.

Exhibited

Skowhegan, Maine, Skowhegan School of Painting and Sculpture, *Fifth Annual Benefit Exhibition and Sale: Difference of a Decade*, October 1969. New York, Allan Stone Gallery, *Bay Area to New York*, 28 October-22 December 2009. New York, Allan Stone Projects, *Tête-à-Tête: Portraits in Dialogue*, 25 February-23 April 2016.

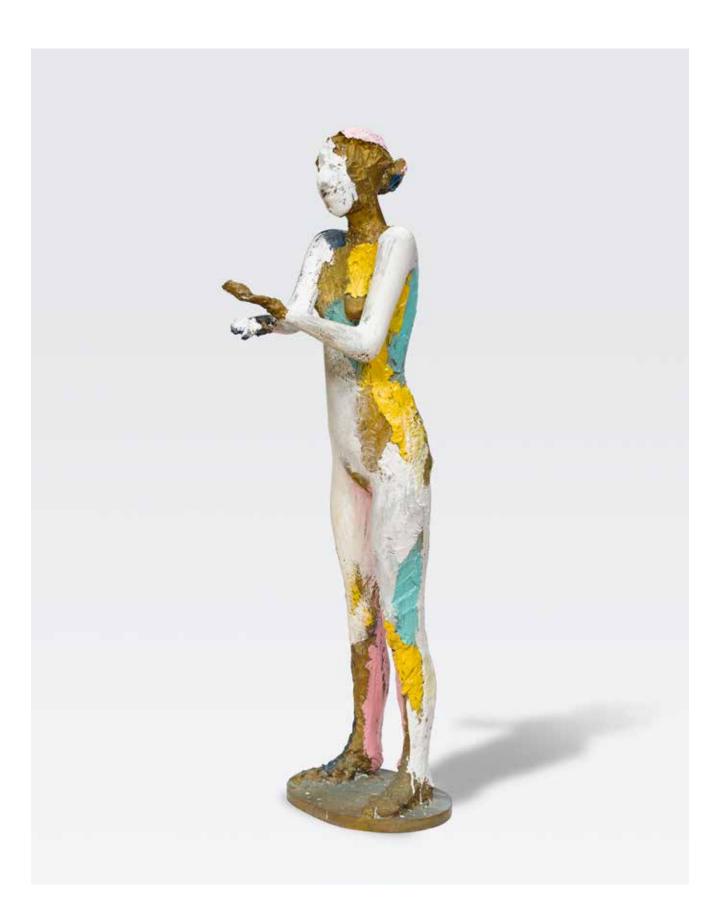
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MANUEL NERI (BORN 1930)

Standing Figure No. 1, 1980 stamped with artist's name, date and numbered 'Manuel Neri 2/4 1980' (on the base) oil-based pigments on bronze $65 \ 1/2 \ x \ 15 \ x \ 22 \ in. \ (166.4 \ x \ 38 \ x \ 55.9 \ cm)$ This work is from the edition of four plus one artist's proof, each work uniquely painted, patinated, or a combination of uniquely painted and patinated by the artist, and cast by the Walla Foundry in Washington.

\$50,000 - 70,000







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PROPERTY FROM A PRIVATE COLLECTION, TUCSON

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MANUEL NERI (BORN 1930)

Gesture Study #62, 1980 signed and dated 'Manuel Neri 80' (upper left) oil and graphite on printed paper $12 \ 1/4 \ x \ 9 \ 1/4 \ in. \ (31.1 \ x \ 23.5 \ cm)$

\$3,000 - 5,000

Provenance

John Berggruen Gallery, San Francisco.

Literature

A. Martin, American Realism: Twentieth-Century Drawings and Watercolors From the Glenn C. Janss Collection, New York, 1985.

32 ELMER NELSON BISCHOFF (1916-1991)

Standing Nude inscribed by Thomas C. Bischoff (on the reverse) ink and wash on paper 12×9 in. (30.6 x 23 cm)

\$2,500 - 3,500

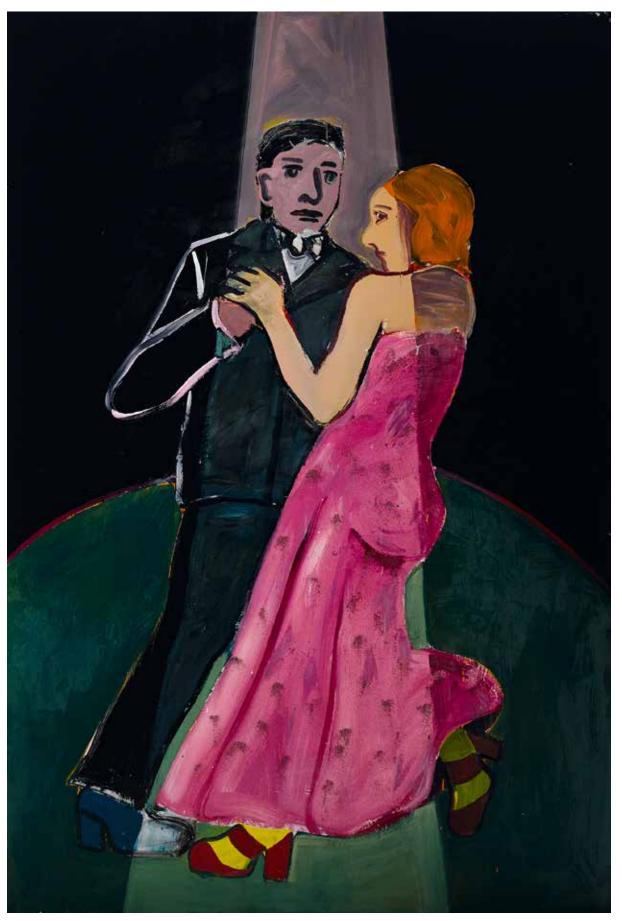
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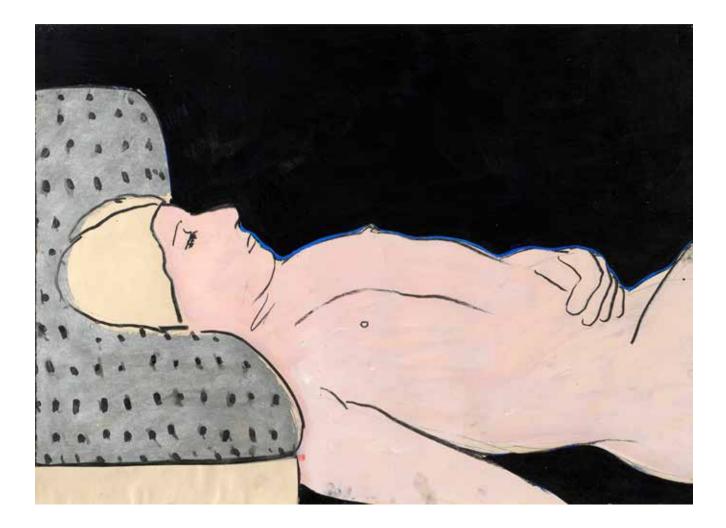
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33 **JOAN BROWN (1938-1990)** *The Dancers #3*, 1972 signed, titled and dated 'Joan Brown Sept 29, 1972' (on the reverse) oil and glitter on masonite *72 3/8 x 48 3/4 in. (183.8 x 123.8 cm)*

\$30,000 - 50,000





JOAN BROWN (1938-1990) Untitled (Reclining Torso), circa 1975 acrylic, oil, metallic paint, Conté crayon, paper collage, gouache and graphite on paper 24 1/8 x 33 1/4 in. (61.3 x 84.5 cm)

\$5,000 - 7,000

Provenance

Gallery Paule Anglim, San Francisco. Acquired from the above by the present owner in February 2005.





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35

MANUEL NERI (BORN 1930)

Gesture Study #17, 1980 signed and dated 'Manuel Neri 80' (lower left) oil crayon, turpentine, acrylic and pencil on paper 12 1/8 x 9 1/2 in. (30.8 x 24.1 cm)

\$3,000 - 5,000

Provenance

John Berggruen Gallery, San Francisco.

PROPERTY FROM A PRIVATE COLLECTION, TUCSON

36

NATHAN OLIVEIRA (1928-2010)

Figure with Green Eye, 1979 signed and dated 'Oliveira 79' (upper right) watercolor and ink on paper 19 x 15 3/4 in. (48.3 x 40 cm)

\$3,500 - 4,500

Provenance

John Berggruen Gallery, San Francisco.

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NATHAN OLIVEIRA (1928-2010)

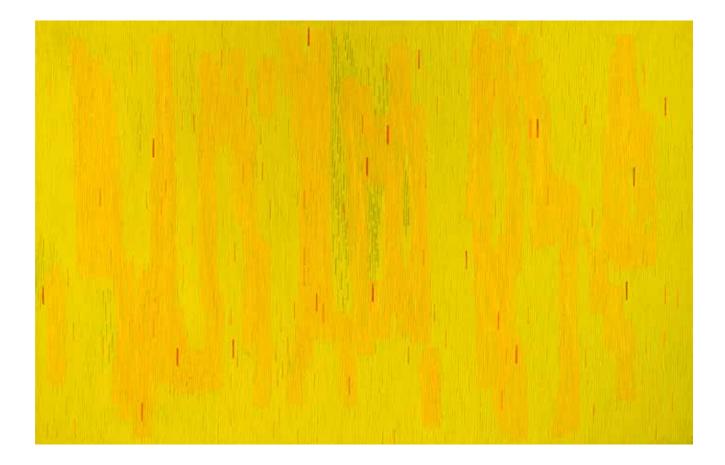
Untitled (Shaman Series), 1976 signed and dated 'Oliveira 76' (lower right) charcoal, graphite, gouache, watercolor and mixed media on paper 71 x 50 1/2 in. (180.3 x 128.3 cm)

\$15,000 - 20,000

Provenance

Charles Campbell Gallery, San Francisco. Acquired from the above by the previous owner in 1977. By descent from the above to the present owner.

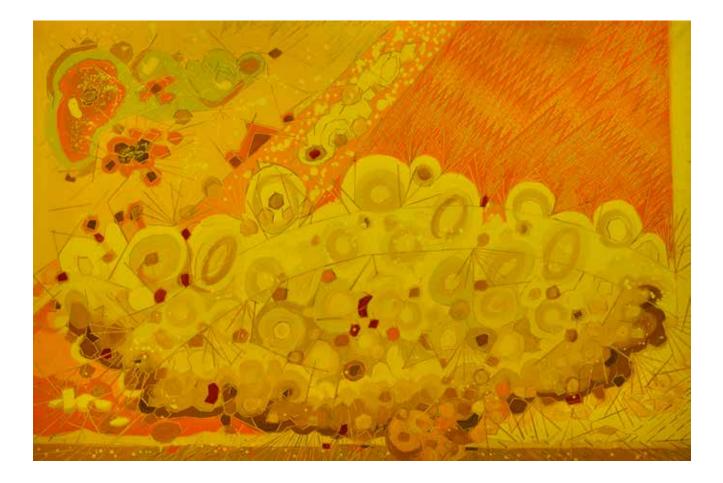




38 LEE MULLICAN (1919-1998) Untitled, 1962 signed and dated 'L. Mullican 1962' (on the reverse) oil on canvas 26 1/8 x 40 in. (66.4 x 101.6 cm)

\$7,000 - 9,000

Provenance Herbert Palmer Gallery, Los Angeles. Acquired from the above by the present owner in 2005.



39 **LEE MULLICAN (1919-1998)** *Untitled*, 1967 signed and dated 'Lee Mullican June 1967' (on the reverse) oil on canvas 50 x 74 3/4 in. (127 x 189.9 cm)

\$10,000 - 15,000

PROPERTY FROM A PRIVATE COLLECTION, SAN FRANCISCO

40 **JAY DEFEO (1929-1989)**

Impressions of Africa #10, 1985 signed and dated 'J. DeFeo 1985' (lower right) and titled (on the reverse) acrylic, gouache and graphite on paper $11 \times 13 \ 3/4 \ in. (27.9 \times 34.9 \ cm)$

\$15,000 - 20,000

Provenance

Gallery Paule Anglim, San Francisco. John Berggruen Gallery, San Francisco.



41 BRUCE CONNER (1933-2008) Storage, circa 1955

signed and titled 'BRUCE CONNER' (on the reverse) oil on canvas on board 49 1/4 x 46 in. (125.1 x 116.8 cm)

\$20,000 - 30,000

This work is accompanied by a letter and photo certificate of authenticity signed by the artist and dated 15 September 1997.

Reptenher 15, 1997 Brace Conner ⁹ P.O. Soc 31864 Sam Francisco CA 94331

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Sincerely. Brace Conner



JOAN BROWN (1938-1990) *Tiger Riding the Back of a Zebra*, 1966 signed, dated and titled 'Joan Brown Nov. 1966' (on the reverse) oil on canvas 60 3/4 x 48 1/2 in. (154.3 x 123.2 cm)

\$30,000 - 50,000

Provenance

A gift from the artist to the present owner in 1966.





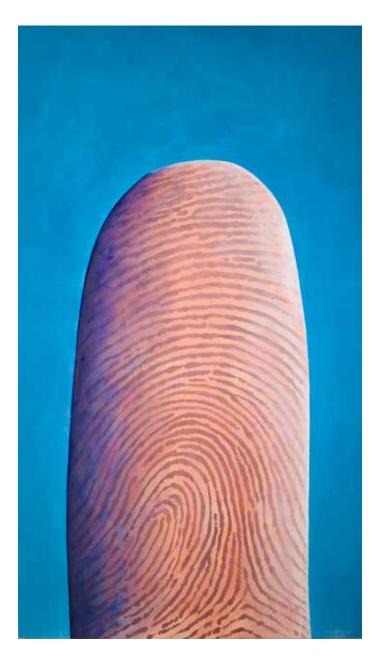
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43

VIOLA FREY (1933-2004) *Untitled*, 1982

Signed, numbered and dated 'Viola Frey 5/6 1982' (on the plinth) alkyd oil paint on bronze $50 \times 6 \ 1/2 \times 14 \ 1/2 \ in. \ (127 \times 16.5 \times 36.8 \ cm)$ This work is from the edition of six, each uniquely hand painted.

\$7,000 - 10,000



PROPERTY FROM THE ALLAN STONE COLLECTION, NEW YORK

44

ROBERT ARNESON (1930-1992)

Self-Portrait of the Artist Checking the Wind, 1968 signed and dated 'Bob Arneson 1968' (on the reverse); signed again, titled and dated again 'ARNESON 1968' (on the overlap) acrylic on canvas 80 x 45 1/8 in. (203.2 x 114.6 cm)

\$20,000 - 30,000

Provenance

Allan Stone Gallery, New York (acquired directly from the artist in 1970).

Exhibited

Indianapolis, Indianapolis Museum of Art, *Painting and Sculpture Today*, April 1970, illustrated in the exhibition catalogue. Carlisle, Pennsylvania, Dickinson College, April 1978. New York, Allan Stone Gallery, *Robert Arneson: Playing Dirty*, 1 November-21 December 2012, illustrated p. 65 of the exhibition catalogue.

PROPERTY FROM A PRIVATE COLLECTION, SAN FRANCISCO

45

ROY DE FOREST (1930-2007)

The Country Life, 1972 signed, titled, inscribed and dated 'ROY DE FOREST 1972' (on the reverse) polymer paint on canvas 66 1/2 x 61 in. (168.9 x 154.9 cm)

\$15,000 - 20,000

Provenance

Hansen Fuller Gallery, San Francisco. Acquired from the above by the previous owner in 1973. By descent from the above to the present owner.



PROPERTY FROM THE ALLAN STONE COLLECTION, NEW YORK

46

ROBERT ARNESON (1930-1992)

Frame Painting #6 (with Rainbow), 1968 signed, titled and dated '#6 ARNESON 68' (on the stretcher) magna on canvas 48 1/4 x 54 in. (122.6 x 137.2 cm)

\$20,000 - 30,000

Provenance

Allan Stone Gallery, New York (acquired directly from the artist in 1970).

Exhibited

New York, Allan Stone Gallery, Teapots and Other Ceramic Wonderment, 15 November-15 December 1969. Carlisle, Pennsylvania, Dickinson College, April 1978. New York, Allan Stone Gallery, *Robert Ameson: Playing Dirty*, 1

November-December 21, 2012, illustrated p. 62 of the exhibition catalogue.

New York, Allan Stone Gallery, Fall Selections, 6 September-31 October 2013.







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PROPERTY FROM A PRIVATE COLLECTION, SAN FRANCISCO

47 **ROY DE FOREST (1930-2007)** Australia, 1962 signed, titled and dated 'De Forest 1962' (on the reverse) polymer paint and plaster on panel 11 x 11 in. (27.9 x 27.9 cm)

\$3,000 - 5,000

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ROY DE FOREST (1930-2007) The Panhandle, 1961

signed, titled and dated 'Roy De Forest 1961' (on the reverse) oil on canvas in artist's frame 19 1/2 x 15 3/8 in. (39.1 x 49.5 cm)

\$4,000 - 6,000



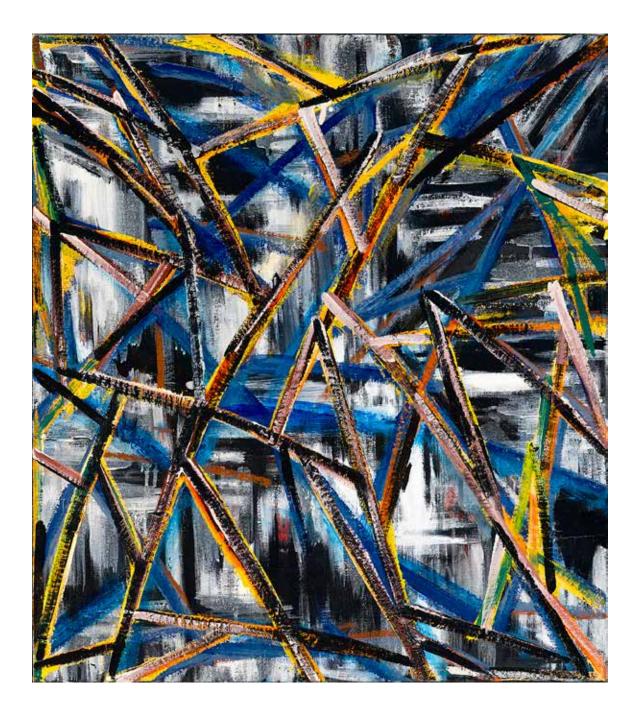
PROPERTY OF MAURICE TUCHMAN, LOS ANGELES AND NEW YORK

49 **PETER ALEXANDER (BORN 1939)** *Medusa*, 1981 signed, titled and dated 'PETER ALEXANDER 1981' (on the reverse) acrylic, netting, glitter, glue and beads on velvet 38 1/4 x 46 1/4 in. (97.2 x 117.5 cm)

\$2,000 - 4,000

Provenance

A gift from the artist to the present owner in 1981.



50 CHARLES ARNOLDI (BORN 1946) Tough Times, 1989

signed, titled, inscribed and dated 'ARNOLDI 1989' (on the reverse) oil on canvas on board 27 x 24 in. (68.6 x 60.9 cm)

\$3,000 - 5,000

Provenance A gift from the artist to the present owner.



51 **CHARLES ARNOLDI (BORN 1946)** *I'll Be Satisfied*, 1994 signed, dated and titled 'ARNOLDI 1994' (on the reverse) acrylic on canvas 80 x 66 in. (203.2 x 167.6 cm)

\$8,000 - 12,000

52 CHARLES ARNOLDI (BORN 1946)

Hold Out, 1983 signed and dated 'ARNOLDI 1983' (on the reverse) acrylic on sticks and plywood 56 1/2 x 65 1/2 x 6 in. (143.5 x 166.4 x 15.2 cm)

\$25,000 - 35,000

Provenance

Art Acquisitions, Inc., St. Paul, Minnesota. Acquired from the above by the present owner in 1984.



53 SAM FRANCIS (1923-1994)

Untitled (SF77-121), 1977 stamped with the artist's signature 'Sam Francis' and with the estate stamp (on the reverse) acrylic on Japanese rice paper 36 3/4 x 72 in. (93.3 x 182.9 cm)

\$75,000 - 95,000

Provenance

Estate of the artist. Jonathan Novak Contemporary Art, Los Angeles (acquired from the above). Acquired from the above by the present owner.

Exhibited

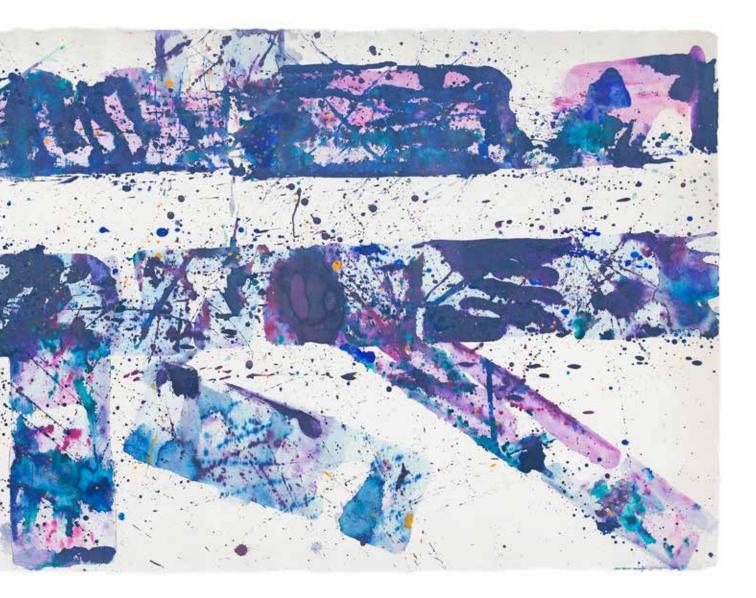
Humlebaek, Denmark, Louisiana Museum of Modern Art, Art in Process, 19 November 1977 - 15 January 1978. Paris, France, Centre Georges Pompidou, Sam Francis: Peintures Recentes 1976-1978, 21 June – 4 September 1978. Vancouver, British Columbia, Ace Gallery, Sam Francis: Paintings and Works on Paper, 11 February - March 1979. Victoria, Texas, Victoria Regional Museum, Sam Francis: Paintings and Monotypes, 1 September – 9 October 1983. This exhibition traveled to thirteen museums throughout the United States until October 1985 including: Flint Institute of Arts, Michigan Virginia Beach Art Center, Virginia Beach, Virginia Museum of Art, Fort Lauderdale, Florida The Art Center, South Bend, Indiana Charles H. MacNider Museum, Mason City, Iowa Murray Clara M. Eagle Gallery, Murray, Kentucky Butler Institute of American Art, Youngstown, Ohio Alexandria Museum of American Art. Alexandria. Louisiana Beaumont Art Museum, Beaumont, Texas Palm Springs Desert Museum, Palm Springs, California Anchorage Historical and Fine Arts Museum, Anchorage, Alaska Oakridge Community Art Center, Oakridge, Tennessee

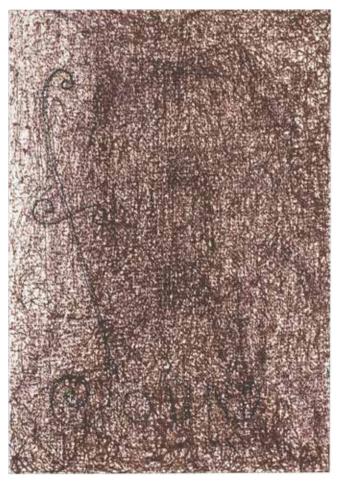
Pepperdine University Art Gallery, Malibu, California Palo Alto, California, Smith Anderson Gallery, Sam Francis: Four

Decades, 27 February – 23 April 1988.

This work is identified with the interim identification number of SF77-121 in consideration for the forthcoming *Sam Francis: Catalogue Raisonné of Unique Works on Paper*. This information is subject to change as scholarship continues by the Sam Francis Foundation.







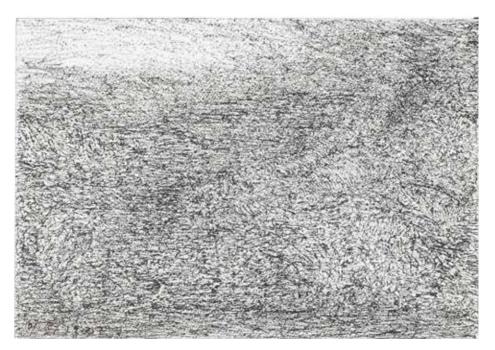
WILLIAM T. WILEY (BORN 1937) Soundoor, 1989; From Light to Dark, 1987 (2) first signed, titled and dated 'William T Wiley 1989 ©' (on the reverse); second signed with artist's monogram and dated '© 1987' (lower left) each ink on paper

first 10 1/4 x 7 1/8 in. (26 x 18.1 cm); second 7 1/8 x 10 1/4 in. (18.1 x 26 cm)

\$1,000 - 2,000

Provenance

L.A. Louver, Venice.



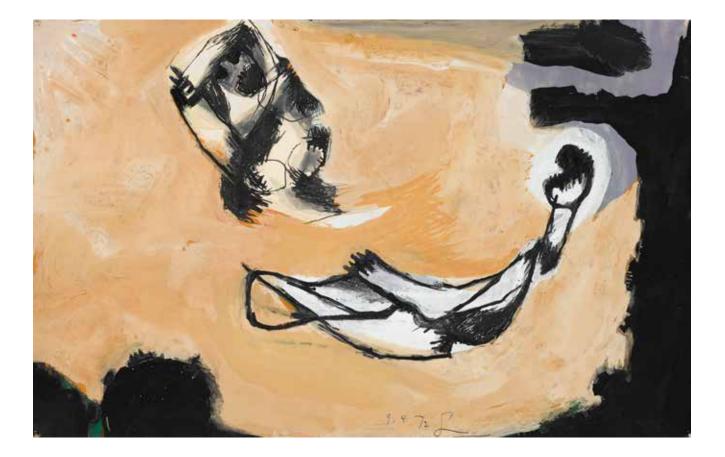


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55 **ERIC ORR (1939-1998)** *Blind Window*, 1982 signed and dated 'Orr '82' (lower right) and titled (lower left) gold leaf and lead on panel 24 x 17 1/8 *in.* (60.9 x 43.5 *cm*)

\$2,000 - 3,000

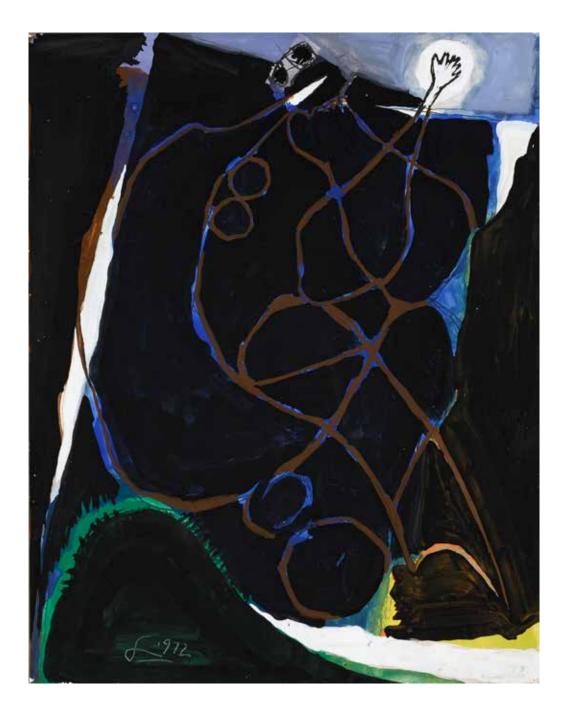
Provenance Neil G. Ovsey Gallery, Los Angeles.



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56 **FRANK LOBDELL (1921-2013)** *Untitled*, 1972 dated and initialed '9.8.72 L' (lower center); signed and dated 'Lobdell 1972' (on the reverse) gouache on paper 12 x 19 in. (30.5 x 48.3 cm)

\$2,000 - 4,000



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57

FRANK LOBDELL (1921-2013)

Untitled (Black and Blue), 1972 initialed and dated 'L 1972' (lower left); signed and dated 'Lobdell 1972' (on the reverse) gouache on paper 14 1/2 x 11 1/2 in. (36.8 x 29.2 cm)

\$2,000 - 4,000

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58

BILLY AL BENGSTON (BORN 1934)

Haveflam Draculas, 1978 signed, titled, dated and inscribed 'Billy Al Bengston 1978' (on artist's studio label on the reverse) acrylic on canvas 44 x 44 in. (111.8 x 111.8 cm)

\$15,000 - 25,000

Provenance

John Berggruen Gallery, San Francisco.



59 **ED MOSES (BORN 1926)** *Rvere Ome #4*, 1994 initialed and dated 'EM 3 94' (on the overlap) acrylic, shellac and resin on canvas 60 x 60 in. (152.4 x 152.4 cm)

\$15,000 - 25,000

Provenance L.A. Louver, Venice.







61

60 ED MOSES (BORN 1926)

Untitled, circa 1980 signed with the artist's initial 'E' (lower right) and numbered (lower left) watercolor on paper 14×11 in. (35.6 \times 27.9 cm)

\$2,000 - 3,000

Provenance

Chez Camille, West Hollywood. Acquired from the above by the present owner in 2006.

PROPERTY FROM A PRIVATE COLLECTION, LOS ANGELES

61

EMERSON WOELFFER (1914-2003)

Sidonius Apollinaris, 1979 signed and dated 'Woelffer 4-11-79' (lower left) oil and acrylic on paper and paper collage 59 1/2 x 39 5/8 in. (151.1 x 100.6 cm)

\$2,000 - 4,000

Provenance

Acquired from the artist's estate by the present owner.



EMERSON WOELFFER (1914-2003)

The B. Top, 1982; Sept Collage, 1982 (2) first signed 'Woelffer 82' (lower right); signed, titled and numbered 'Woelffer #6' (on the reverse); second signed 'Woelffer 82' (lower right); signed, titled and dated 'Woelffer 82' (on the reverse) first paper collage on board; second paper collage and graphite on board

first 38 1/4 x 32 3/8 in. (97.2 x 82.2 cm); second 38 1/2 x 32 3/8 in. (97.8 x 82.2 cm)

\$5,000 - 7,000

Provenance

Estate of Morton Dimondstein. By descent from the above to the previous owner. Acquired from the above by the present owner.





63

63 ROBERT GRAHAM (1938-2008)

Untitled, 2006 Duraform *35 3/4 x 35 7/8 in. (90.8 x 91.1 cm)* This work is unique.

\$8,000 - 12,000

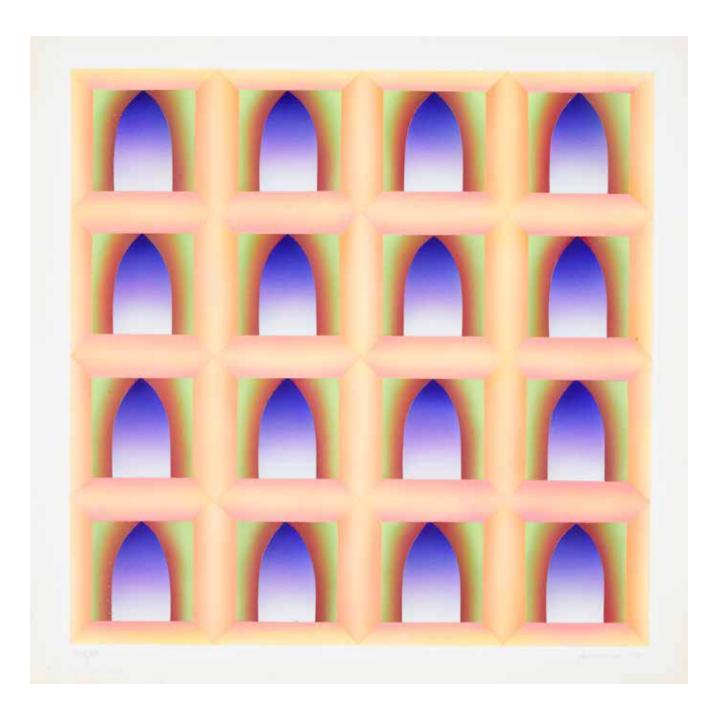
Provenance

Artist's studio, Venice. Acquired directly from the above by the previous owner in 2007. A gift from the above to the present owners in 2013.

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64 **WILLIAM BRICE (1921-2008)** *Untitled*, 1976 initialed and dated 'B. 76' (lower right) oil on paper board *40 x 30 in. (101.6 x 76.2 cm)*

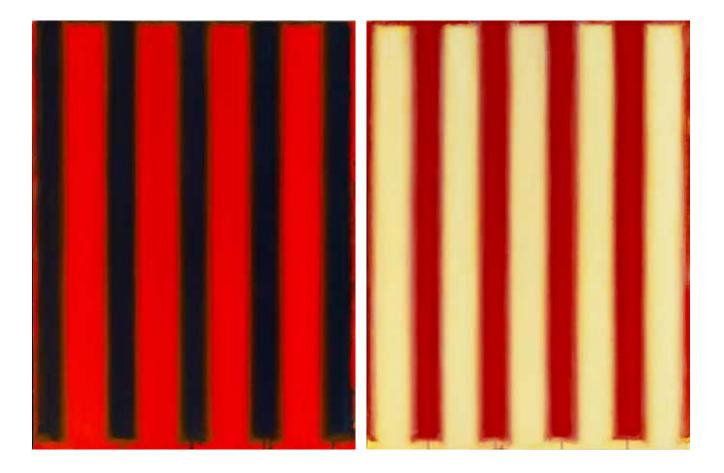
\$4,000 - 6,000



65 JUDY CHICAGO (BORN 1939)

Flesh Gate I, 1972 signed and dated 'Judy Chicago 1972' (lower right) and titled (lower left) sprayed acrylic on paper 23 x 23 in. (58.4 x 58.4 cm)

\$5,000 - 7,000



PETER LODATO (BORN 1946)

Nine, Red and Black, 2002; Tibetan Nine, 2002 (2) each signed, titled and dated 'P. Lodato 2002' (on the reverse) each oil on canvas each 24 x 18 in. (60.9 x 45.7 cm)

\$2,000 - 3,000

Provenance Acquired directly from the artist by the present owner in 2002.



67 **ERIC ORR (1939-1998)** *Night Shift*, 1990 signed, initialed and dated twice 'Orr EO 90' (on the reverse) oil on canvas and lead on panel *32 1/4 x 72 1/8 in. (81.9 x 183.2 cm)*

\$7,000 - 9,000

Provenance

Acquired directly from the artist by the previous owner in May 1990. By descent from the above to the present owners.



68 ERIC ORR (1939-1998) Where is He 1987

Where is He, 1987 signed, titled and dated twice 'Orr '87' (on the reverse) lead, blood, gold and oil on canvas $15 \ 1/4 \ x \ 13 \ in. \ (38.7 \ x \ 33 \ cm)$

\$2,000 - 4,000

Provenance Scott Hanson Gallery, New York.



NORMAN ZAMMITT (1931-2007)

South Wall, 1976 signed, titled and dated 'Norman Zammitt 1976' (on artist's label on the reverse) acrylic on canvas board 14 x 10 in. (35.6 x 25.4 cm)

\$6,000 - 8,000

Provenance Acquired from the artist's estate by the present owner.



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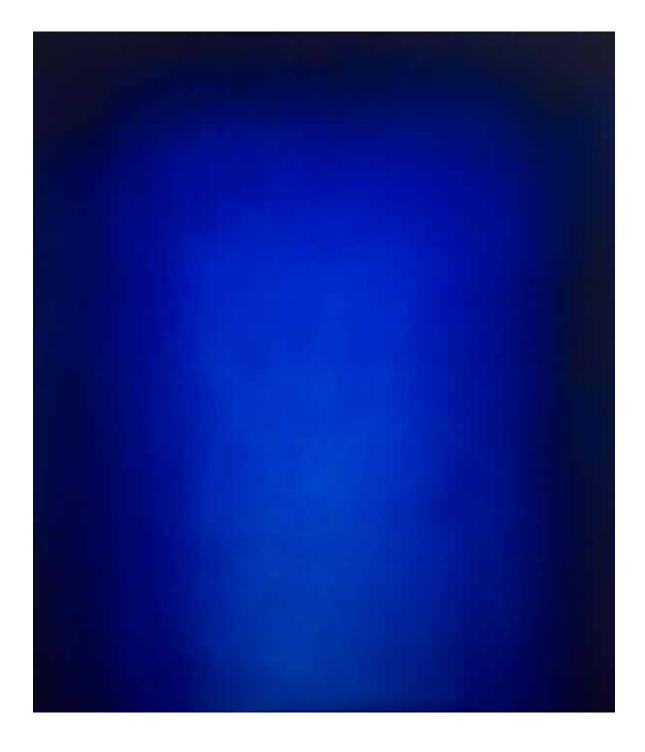
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VASA VELIZAR MIHICH (BORN 1933)

Untitled (four columns), 1978 one column numbered, signed and dated '#1337 Vasa 78' (along the edge) laminated cast acrylic each column 19 x 4 x 2 in. (48.3 x 10.2 x 5.1 cm)

\$2,500 - 3,500

Provenance Acquired directly from the artist by the present owner in 1979.



71 **ERIC ORR (1939-1998)** *White*, 1989 signed and dated 'Orr 89' (on the reverse) oil on linen on panel 43 x 36 *in.* (109.2 x 91.44 cm)

\$5,000 - 7,000

Provenance Works Gallery South, Costa Mesa. Acquired from the above by the present owner.



72 ANDY MOSES (BORN 1962)

Untitled, 2003 initialed and dated ' A.M. 2003' (on the reverse) acrylic on canvas 42 in. (diameter) (106.7 cm)

\$4,000 - 6,000

Provenance Acquired directly from the artist by the present owner.

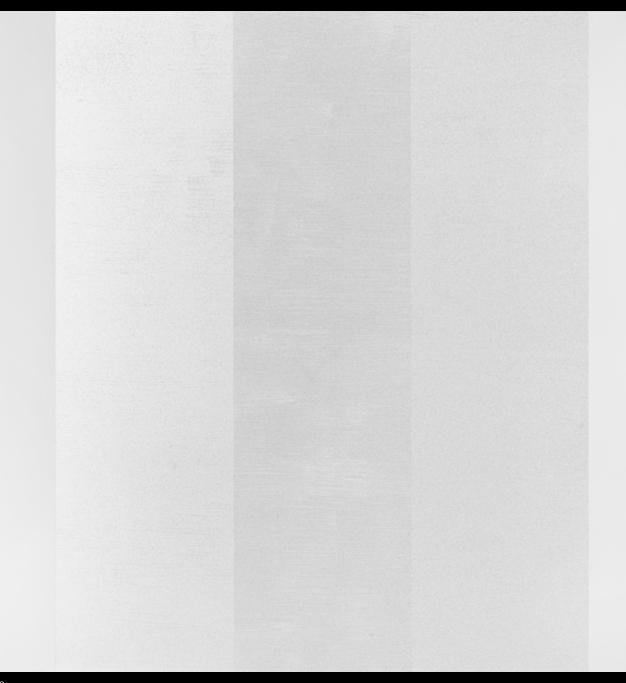
73 MARY CORSE (BORN 1945)

Untitled (White Flat sides with Three Inner Bands), 2001 signed and dated 'Mary Corse 2001' (on the reverse) glass microspheres in acrylic on canvas 36 1/8 x 36 1/8 in. (91.8 x 91.8 cm)

\$30,000 - 50,000

Provenance

Private collection, Pennsylvania (gift from the artist). David Klein Gallery, Detroit. Acquired from the above by the present owner.



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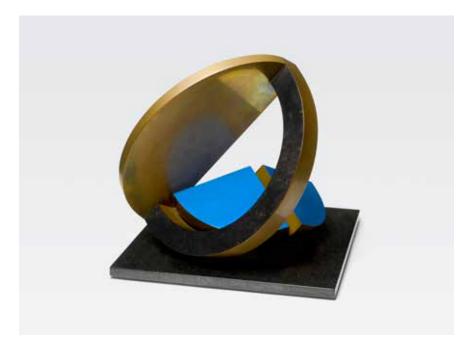
74 **RONALD DAVIS (BORN 1937)** *Tri-Turn*, 1971 flexible polyester resin and fiberglass 52 x 141 in. (132.1 x 358.1 cm)

\$15,000 - 25,000

Provenance

John Berggruen Gallery, San Francisco. Acquired from the above by the present owner in 1989.

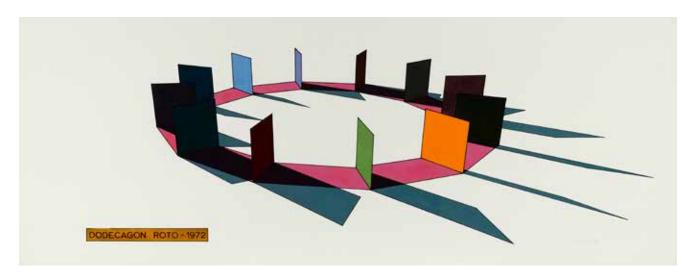




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75 **FLETCHER BENTON (BORN 1931)** *Fold Circle Arc*, 1980 signed twice, titled, inscribed, numbered and dated 'FLETCHER BENTON © 1980' (on the underside of the arc) lacquered and painted bronze *18 1/2 x 19 x 17 in. (46.9 x 48.3 x 43.2 cm)* This work is number three from an edition of three.

\$2,000 - 3,000



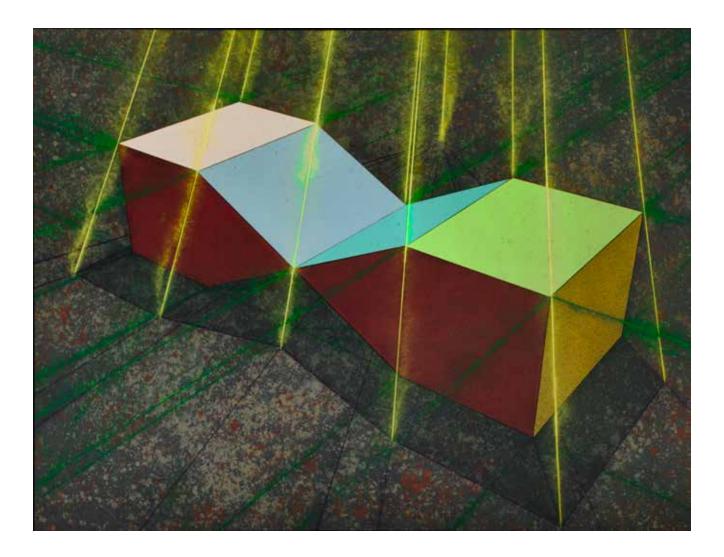
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RONALD DAVIS (BORN 1937)

Dodecagon Roto, 1972 signed 'Ronald Davis' (lower right), titled and dated on artist's label (lower left) Cel-vinyl acrylic on paper 15 5/8 x 41 in. (39.7 x 104.1 cm)

\$4,000 - 6,000

Provenance A gift from the artist to the present owner.



RONALD DAVIS (BORN 1937)

Center Vee Bevel Beam, 1986 titled, dated and signed '1986 Ronald Davis' (on the reverse) Cel-vinyl and dry pigment on canvas 51 1/8 x 67 1/8 in. (129.9 x 170.5 cm)

\$7,000 - 9,000

Provenance A gift from the artist to the present owner.

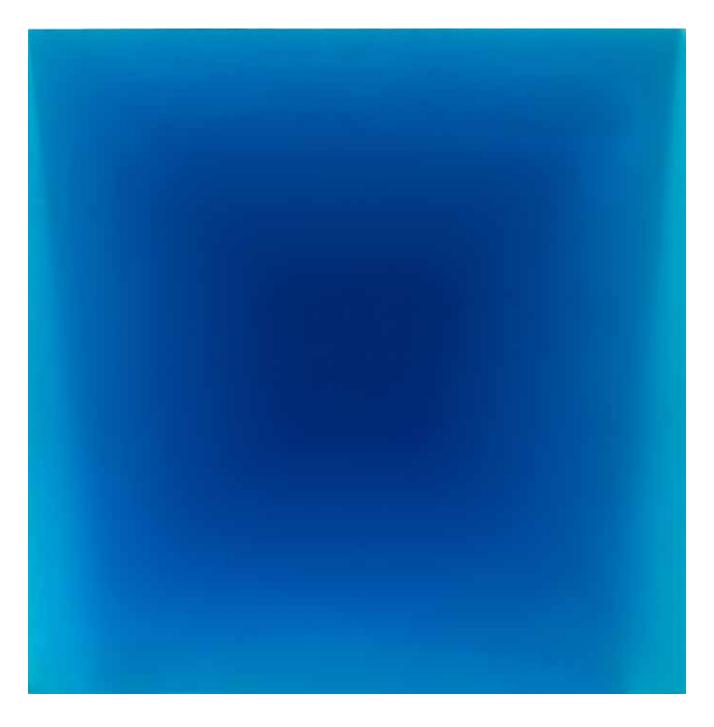
DE WAIN VALENTINE (BORN 1936) Circle Light-green to Light-blue, 1975 cast polyester resin 17 1/4 in. (43.8 cm) (diameter)

\$25,000 - 35,000

Provenance

A gift from the artist by the present owner circa 1994.





79 PETER ALEXANDER (BORN 1939)

6/1/12 (Blue Square), 2012 titled and initialed '6/1/12 P.A' (on the reverse) urethane 39 7/8 x 39 3/4 in. (101.3 x 100.9 cm)

\$8,000 - 12,000

Provenance Dorfman Projects, New York.



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80

LARRY BELL (BORN 1939)

Elin 69 (Ellipse with Insert), 1982 signed and dated 'Larry Bell '82' (lower center); titled, inscribed and dated 'ELIN 69 2/22/82' (on the reverse) and titled again (on the reverse of the frame) aluminum and silicon monoxide on paper $54 \ 1/4 \ x \ 37 \ 1/8 \ in. \ (137.8 \ x \ 94.3 \ cm)$

\$6,000 - 8,000

FREDERICK HAMMERSLEY (1919-2009)

Mustard Seed #4, 1977 signed and dated 'Hammersley 1977' (upper center); titled, numbered and dated (on artist's label on the reverse) oil on panel in artist's frame 6 7/8 x 6 7/8 in. (17.5 x 17.5 cm); framed dimensions 8 1/8 x 8 1/8 x 1 in. (20.6 x 20.6 x 2.5 cm)

\$10,000 - 15,000

Provenance

Middendorf Lane Galleries, Washington, D.C. Acquired from the above to the present owner in 1977.



82 KARL STANLEY BENJAMIN (1925-2012)

Floating Structures #5, 1962 initialed and dated 'KB 62' (lower left) oil on canvas 32×40 in. (81.3 x 101.6 cm)

\$40,000 - 60,000

Provenance

Ruth Bachofner Gallery, Santa Monica. Snyder Fine Art, New York. Louis Stern Fine Art, West Hollywood.

Exhibited

West Hollywood, Louis Stern Fine Arts, *Dance the Line: Paintings by Karl Benjamin*, 2007, no. 10, illustrated in color in exhibition catalogue p. 35.

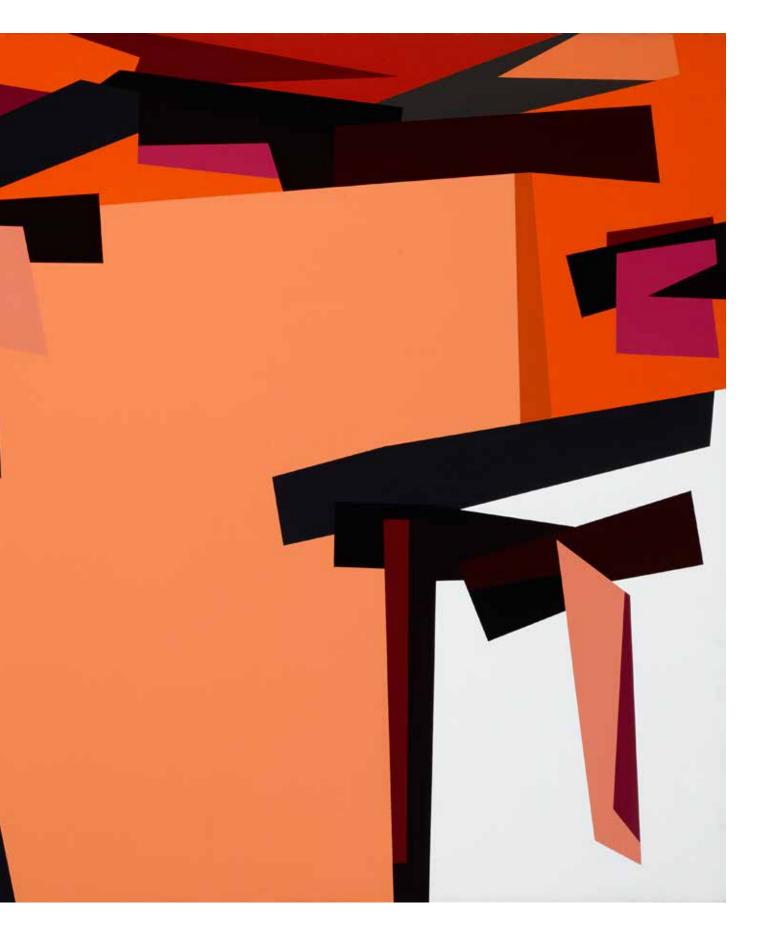
Los Angeles, The J. Paul Getty Museum, *Pacific Standard Time: Los Angeles Art: Crosscurrents in L.A. Painting and Sculpture, 1950-1990,* 1 October 2011-5 February 2012, no. 10, illustrated in color pp. 12-13 and p. 35 in the exhibition catalogue.

Literature

R. Peabody, A. Perchuk, G. Phillips and R. Singh, *Pacific Standard Time: Los Angeles Art, 1945-1980*, Los Angeles, 2011 (illustrated in color, p. 34).

Louis Stern has confirmed the authenticity of this work. It will be included in the catalogue raisonné of the paintings currently being compiled by Louis Stern Fine Arts and Beth R. Benjamin.





FLOATING STRUCTURES

"The world of knowledge takes a crazy turn when teachers themselves are taught to learn." – Bertoit Brecht

Some of us need structure in order to find our intuitiveness, even if we create that framework ourselves-a creative conduit which materializing only as a result of one's own architecture. This is precisely how Karl Benjamin found and developed his practice, one he came to late in life; an accidental calling, realized by meandering through his early adulthood. In Post-war America Karl had settled in to life as an educator, teaching general education to elementary school students in Southern California. Required to teach art for 45 minutes a week (a part of the curriculum he wantonly ignored for some time), Benjamin began to draft a lesson plan for his students that would lay the groundwork for his own art career. He forbade his students from using any representational images, instead instructing them to adopt a methodology to create art more akin to the chromatic, minimal Bauhaus studies of Josef Albers, by focusing on color and geometric form. In tandem with his newly found teaching thread he started experimenting with painting on his own at home, following the same rules as his students. These self-imposed instructional boundaries Benjamin created ignited a creative awakening that would result in a fifty-year art career and a seemingly endless combination of "dynamic studies in color relationships in which geometric forms interlock at jagged angles or float over a flattened picture plane."1

In 1960, nine years after his artistic rebirth, Benjamin earned his master's degree in art under the tutelage of artist Jean Ames at Claremont Graduate University. While Benjamin was already a professional artist and a recipient of a solo show at the Pasadena Art Museum it was in the 1960s when his style evolved into his mature aesthetic, diverse in composition but always adhering to the color-driven geometry he developed a decade earlier in an elementary school classroom. "People tend to think we choose the direction we take", Benjamin said. "I didn't. More and more geometric forms kept coming out in my work. I just kept working, trying to get the right line, the right color, hoping that something would gel. You do this and all of a sudden your own voice has emerged."² That voice was a collective visual language of abstraction for a generation of artists. Locally in Southern California he shared aesthetic leaning with John McLaughlin,

Frederick Hammersley, and Lorser Feitelsen³, a group whose work would come to be known as LA Hard-Edge. Internationally his reputation grew in his association with Color field painters such as Kenneth Noland, Barnett Newman and Morris Louis. In 1964, along with a global cadre of artists, Benjamin was selected to show in the seminal op art exhibition *The Responsive Eye* (1964) at the Museum of Modern Art in New York—a remarkable achievement and validation for a young practice.

Five decades later Benjamin found his work included in another landmark show when his Floating Structures #5 (1962) painting was shown in The J. Paul Getty museum's anthology Pacific Standard Time: Crosscurrents in L.A. Painting and Sculpture 1945-1970, the core of larger initiative tracing the history and canon of California art. Floating Structures #5 in many ways is an exemplification of Benjamin's artistic practice. The title, "Floating Structures," seems to allude to something which may be representational-architecture or industrial design perhaps. Yet when one looks at the painting, like many of Benjamin's mature works, the forms it contains become merely containers for his mastery of color. Theorist Dave Hickey described his work, "...no green alludes to foliage; no brown alludes to the dirt in which foliage grows. Benjamin takes these hues, burdened as they are with primal references, and makes them back into free colors, live presences."4 These free forms create a shallow depth, creasing the surface with a keenly defined linear divide between color fields. The fields exude a precarity-forms that seems to tumble or fracture, unhinged from an unseen mothership. Benjamin's "structure" is not a visible element in his composition but rather his idea-the artist's framework for painting created in that Southern California classroom years earlier. "Structure" is the backbone of his self-created treatise. The "floating" provides a counter-an elasticity in his structure-a liminality that allows for a creative autonomy, the poetic element of chance. "I wait for a color to tell me to put it on," he says. "That color tells me what goes next and those determine what goes with them."⁵ Benjamin the painter waits—just as Benjamin the teacher waited—for his systems to work, opening himself up to a yetto-be determined creative destination.

--Dane Jensen, Director, Contemporary Art



¹ Andrew Perchuck, "Floating Structures: Building the Modern Postwar Los Angeles," Pacific Standard Time: Los Angeles Art 1945-1980, Los Angeles, 2011, p.34.

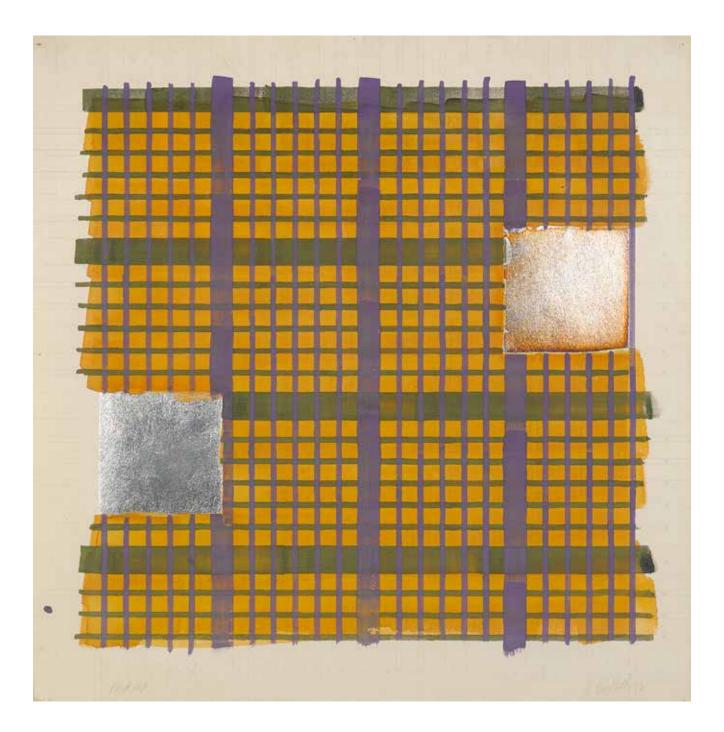
- ² Julie Karabenick, "Interview with Karl Benjamin," Geoform, May 2008, sec. 2, p.5.
- ³ Painter Helen Lundeberg was not initially included in this collective due to a gender bias.
- ⁴ Dave Hickey, "Karl Benjamin: A New Past is Now Available," Dance the Line Paintings by Karl Benjamin, Los Angeles, 2007, p. 11.
- ⁵ Interview with Suzanne Muchnic, 5 May 2011.



DE WAIN VALENTINE (BORN 1936) Offset open diamond diagonal, Sepia, circa 1980 laminated glass 17 1/4 x 48 x 7 1/2 in. (43.8 x 121.9 x 19 cm)

\$4,000 - 6,000

Provenance Anon. sale, Track 16 Gallery, Santa Monica, Artists for Haiti, 28 January 2010. Acquired at the above sale by the present owner.



84 JENNIFER BARTLETT (BORN 1941)

Homan-Ji Series Y-9, 1992 signed and dated 'J Bartlett 92' (lower right) and inscribed (lower left) Japanese mineral color on handmade Kozo paper 23 5/8 x 23 5/8 in. (60 x 60 cm)

\$2,000 - 3,000

Provenance

Paula Cooper Gallery, New York. John Berggruen Gallery, San Francisco.



85 GUY DILL (BORN 1946)

Untitled (from the *Spanish Mirror* series), *circa* 1987 signed 'g. dill' (along bottom edge) black painted steel 93 1/4 x 83 x 26 in. (236.9 x 210.8 x 66 cm) This work is unique.

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JEROME KIRK (BORN 1923)

Kinetic Sculpture, 1976 signed and dated 'KIRK 5-28-76' (on the base) brushed and painted aluminum with stainless steel wire $37 \times 13 1/2 \times 15 3/4$ in. (93.9 x 34.3 x 40 cm)

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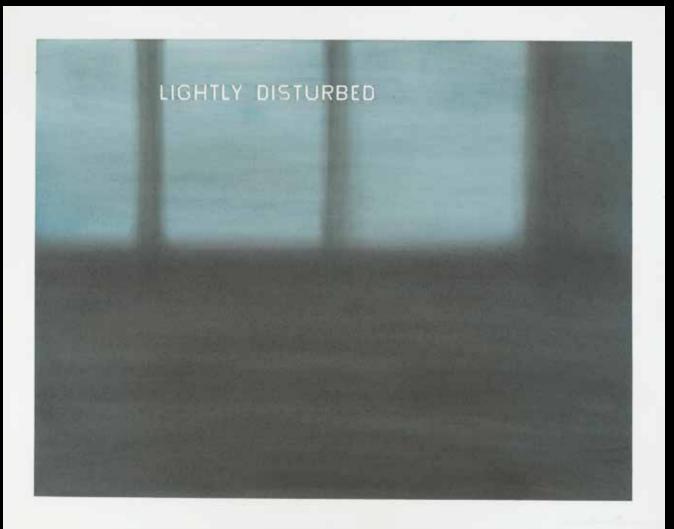
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A valid Bonhams client account is required to participate in bidding activity. You can obtain registration information online, at the reception desk or by calling our Client Services Department.

By bidding at auction, whether in person or by agent, by absentee bid, telephone, online or other means, the buyer or bidder agrees to be bound by the Conditions of Sale.

Lots are auctioned in consecutive numerical order as they appear in the catalog. Bidding normally begins below the low estimate. The auctioneer will accept bids from interested parties present in the saleroom, from telephone bidders, and from absentee bidders who have left written bids in advance of the sale. The auctioneer may also execute bids on behalf of the consignor up to the amount of the reserve, but never above it.

We assume no responsibility for failure to execute bids for any reason whatsoever.

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Absentee Bids

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\$1,000-2,000	by \$100s
\$2,000-5,000	by \$200/500/800s
\$5,000-10,000	by \$500s
\$10,000-20,000	by \$1,000s
\$20,000-50,000	by \$2,000/5,000/8,000s
\$50,000-100,000	by \$5,000s
\$100,000-200,000	by \$10,000s
above \$200.000	at auctioneer's discretion

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