



George Condo

b. 1957 | American

American Cancer

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This rare early work by the famed American artist George Condo proves why he is one of the most influential visionaries in contemporary painting. Demonstrating his mastery of vibrant expressionism, *American Cancer* is a compelling composition that also reveals the influence of Condo's illustrious circle of friends and mentors, including Jean-Michel Basquiat, Keith Haring and Andy Warhol.

This dynamic canvas is an important marker of Condo's New York City roots. Painted in 1981, the work dates from the period when Condo famously worked with Warhol at The Factory, while rising in the ranks of the bustling East Village art scene. Like his fellow artistic luminaries, Condo worked to capture the essence of his historical moment—a period of great social and political transformation that was at the same time bursting with new artistic energy. Coining the term “artificial realism” for his unique style, Condo used an energetic bravado, saturated color palette and feverish brushwork to capture the sensation of American life as he knew it, all evident in this electric composition.

Like his friend Basquiat, Condo became known for his bold visual language that weaves a kaleidoscope of jazz, pop culture and art history into engrossing compositions. *American Cancer* exudes an electrifying presence, with a swirling array of figures and geometric forms coalescing into a colorful crescendo. There are recognizable references to the American flag and map, urban architecture and the traditional female nude, but Condo purposefully obscures a logical narrative to instead evoke the dizzying experience of the American metropolis.

Known for his provocative canvases and genre-defying collaborations with greats such as William S. Burroughs, Condo has created a one-of-a-kind oeuvre that knows no bounds. His iconic works are collected by major American institutions, including the Museum of Modern Art and the Metropolitan Museum of Art, and he has also been the subject of several monographs and highly acclaimed retrospectives at the New Museum in New York and the Phillips Collection in Washington, D.C. ●



OVERVIEW



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American Cancer, 1981

Signed and dated "George Condo 1981" (en verso)
Acrylic on canvas

Canvas: 35 1/4" high x 35 1/2" wide | 89.54 x 90.17 cm
Frame: 44 1/2" high x 44 3/8" wide x 1 1/2" deep | 113.03 x 112.71 x 3.81 cm

PROVENANCE

Pace Gallery, New York




M.S. Rau, New Orleans

EXHIBITED

Moscow, *Traditions of Folk Art and Naive Art in Contemporary Culture*,
National Centre of Contemporary Art, 08 Aug 2012 – 02 Sept 2012


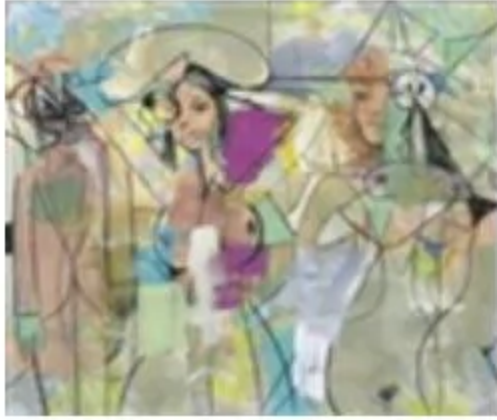



AUCTION COMPARABLES

	1	George Condo
	Title	Linear Connection
	Description	GEORGE CONDO (B. 1957)Linear Connectionacrylic, charcoal and pastel on linen
	Medium	acrylic, charcoal and pastel on linen
	Year of Work	2010
	Size	Height 50 in.; Width 60 in. / Height 127 cm.; Width 152.4 cm.
	Sale of	Christie's New York: Tuesday, November 9, 2021 [Lot 0021A] 21st Century Evening Sale
	Estimate	2,500,000 - 3,500,000 USD
	Sold For	4,950,000 USD Premium
	2	George Condo
	Title	Heads and Toes
	Description	GEORGE CONDO (B. 1957)Heads and Toessigned and dated 'Condo 2011' (upper left)
	Medium	acrylic, pastel and charcoal on linen
	Year of Work	2011
	Size	Height 42 in.; Width 40 in. / Height 106.7 cm.; Width 101.6 cm.
	Misc.	Signed
	Sale of	Christie's London: Friday, October 15, 2021 [Lot 00013] 20th/21st Century: Evening Sale Including Thinking Italian, London
	Estimate	1,300,000 - 1,500,000 GBP (1,788,416 - 2,063,557 USD)
	Sold For	2,422,500 GBP Premium (3,332,645 USD)
	7	George Condo
	Title	In the Brothel
	Description	GEORGE CONDO (B. 1957)In the BrothelDETAILSGEORGE CONDO (B. 1957)In the Br
	Medium	oil and pastel on canvas
	Year of Work	2007
	Size	Height 49.5 in.; Width 41.5 in. / Height 125.7 cm.; Width 105.4 cm.
	Misc.	Signed
	Sale of	Christie's London: Friday, October 13, 2023 [Lot 00039] 20th/21st Century: London Evening Sale
	Estimate	1,000,000 - 1,500,000 GBP (1,213,592 - 1,820,388 USD)
	Sold For	1,855,000 GBP Premium (2,251,213 USD)

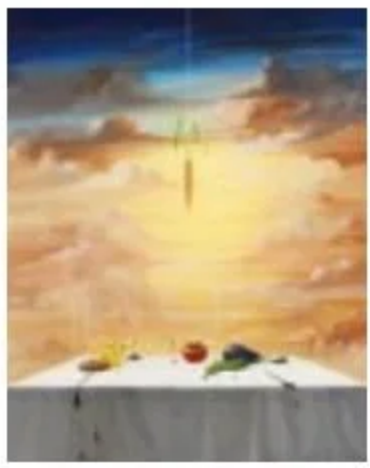




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	13	George Condo
	Title	Eyes Wide Open
	Description	PROPERTY FROM AN IMPORTANT PRIVATE COLLECTIONGeorge CondoEyes Wide Opensigned
	Medium	acrylic and oilstick on linen
	Year of Work	2022
	Size	Height 50 in.; Width 46.3 in. / Height 127 cm.; Width 117.5 cm.
	Misc.	Signed
	Sale of	Phillips New York: Tuesday, November 14, 2023 [Lot 00042] 20th Century & Contemporary Art, Evening Sale Part II
	Estimate	1,500,000 - 2,000,000 USD
	Sold For	1,391,000 USD Premium
	27	George Condo
	Title	Hide and Seek
	Description	signed and dated 'Condo 2010' (on the overlap)acrylic, charcoal, pastel on linen50
	Medium	acrylic, charcoal, pastel on linen
	Year of Work	2010
	Size	Height 50 in.; Width 60 in. / Height 127 cm.; Width 152.4 cm.
	Misc.	Signed
	Sale of	Christie's London: Thursday, February 13, 2014 [Lot 00041] Post-War and Contemporary Art Evening Auction
	Estimate	250,000 - 350,000 GBP (415,973 - 582,362 USD)
	Sold For	506,500 GBP Premium (842,762 USD)
	28	George Condo
	Title	Untitled
	Description	signed and dated "Condo 07" on the overlapoil, pencil and paper collage on canvas, in
	Medium	oil, pencil and paper collage on canvas, in artist's frame
	Year of Work	2007
	Size	Height 42 in.; Width 42 in. / Height 106.7 cm.; Width 106.7 cm.
	Misc.	Signed
	Sale of	Phillips New York: Thursday, May 19, 2022 [Lot 00324] 20th Century & Contemporary Art Day Sale, Afternoon Session
	Estimate	400,000 - 600,000 USD
	Sold For	816,500 USD Premium





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	11	George Condo	<p>Title The Life We Love</p> <p>Description GEORGE CONDO The Life We Love. 2004. Oil on canvas. Signed, dated and titled on t</p> <p>Medium oil on canvas</p> <p>Year of Work 2004</p> <p>Size Height 59.8 in.; Width 47.8 in. / Height 152 cm.; Width 121.5 cm.</p> <p>Misc. Signed</p> <p>Sale of Ketterer Kunst GmbH & Co KG: Friday, June 9, 2023 [Lot 00040] 540 Evening Sale</p> <p>Estimate 280,000 - 360,000 EUR (300,978 - 386,971 USD)</p> <p>Sold For 419,100 EUR Premium (450,499 USD)</p>
	19	George Condo	<p>Title The organized defunctionalization of the state being commonly known as "multiheaded hydratic combustion" often found lurching in the schisms of a fractured daydream</p> <p>Description George Condo (b. 1957) The organized defunctionalization of the state being commonly k</p> <p>Medium oil on canvas</p> <p>Year of Work 1995</p> <p>Size Height 55 in.; Width 48 in. / Height 139.7 cm.; Width 121.9 cm.</p> <p>Misc. Signed, Inscribed</p> <p>Sale of Christie's New York: Thursday, March 1, 2018 [Lot 00265] Post-War and Contemporary Art</p> <p>Estimate 200,000 - 300,000 USD</p> <p>Sold For 348,500 USD Premium</p>
	22	George Condo	<p>Title 无题</p> <p>Description 8315; 作者: 乔治·康多 (1957~)(美国); 尺寸: 135×119.5cm; 质地: 布面油彩; 年代: 约1983年作; 本件拍卖标的处于保税状态, 详情请见本图录</p> <p>Medium oil on canvas</p> <p>Year of Work Circa 1983</p> <p>Size Height 53.1 in.; Width 47 in. / Height 135 cm.; Width 119.5 cm.</p> <p>Sale of Holly's International Beijing: Thursday, July 28, 2022 [Lot 08315] 现当代艺术夜场</p> <p>Estimate 1,000,000 - 2,000,000 CNY (148,209 - 296,419 USD)</p> <p>Sold For 2,070,000 CNY Premium (306,793 USD)</p>



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	23	George Condo
<p>Title We Are Waiting</p> <p>Description GEORGE CONDO (B. 1957)We Are Waitingsigned and dated 'Condo 84.7' (upper right);</p> <p>Medium oil on canvas</p> <p>Year of Work 1984</p> <p>Size Height 59 in.; Width 59 in. / Height 149.9 cm.; Width 149.9 cm.</p> <p>Misc. Signed</p> <p>Sale of Christie's New York: Friday, October 1, 2021 [Lot 00043] Post-War to Present</p> <p>Estimate 80,000 - 120,000 USD</p> <p>Sold For 300,000 USD Premium</p>		
	24	George Condo
<p>Title Black Dots - Playing on a Landscape</p> <p>Description George CondoBlack Dots - Playing on a Landscapesigned and dated 'Condo 86' lower r</p> <p>Medium oil and pastel on canvas</p> <p>Year of Work 1986</p> <p>Size Height 43.5 in.; Width 59.2 in. / Height 110.4 cm.; Width 150.4 cm.</p> <p>Misc. Signed</p> <p>Sale of Phillips London: Friday, March 3, 2023 [Lot 00138] 20th Century & Contemporary Art Day Sale</p> <p>Estimate 150,000 - 200,000 GBP (179,920 - 239,894 USD)</p> <p>Sold For 241,300 GBP Premium (289,432 USD)</p>		

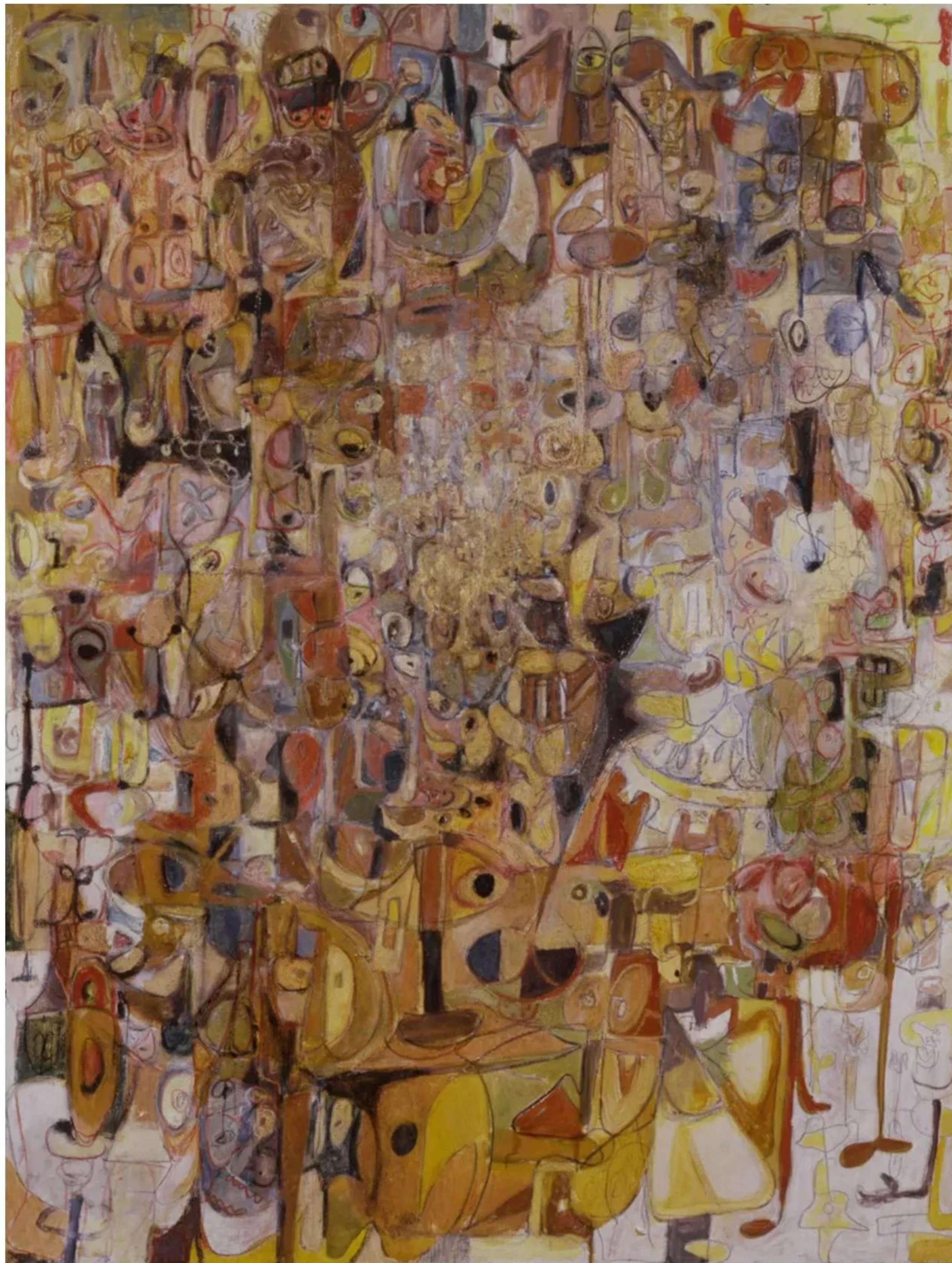


George Condo | *Yellow Improvisation*

1985

Medium: Pencil and oil on canvas

Dimensions: 66^{3/4} x 51^{3/8} inches | 169.55 x 130.49 cm



THE BROAD

The Broad
Los Angeles, CA



George Condo | *Evening of Destruction*

1984

Medium: Oil on canvas

Dimensions: 77 x 91^{1/4} inches | 195.5 x 231.5 cm



**RUBELL
MUSEUM**

Rubell Museum
Washington, D.C.



George Condo | *Downtown New York*

2012

Medium: Acrylic, charcoal and pastel on canvas

Dimensions: 90 x 130 inches | 228.6 x 330.2 cm



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Centre Pompidou
Paris, France

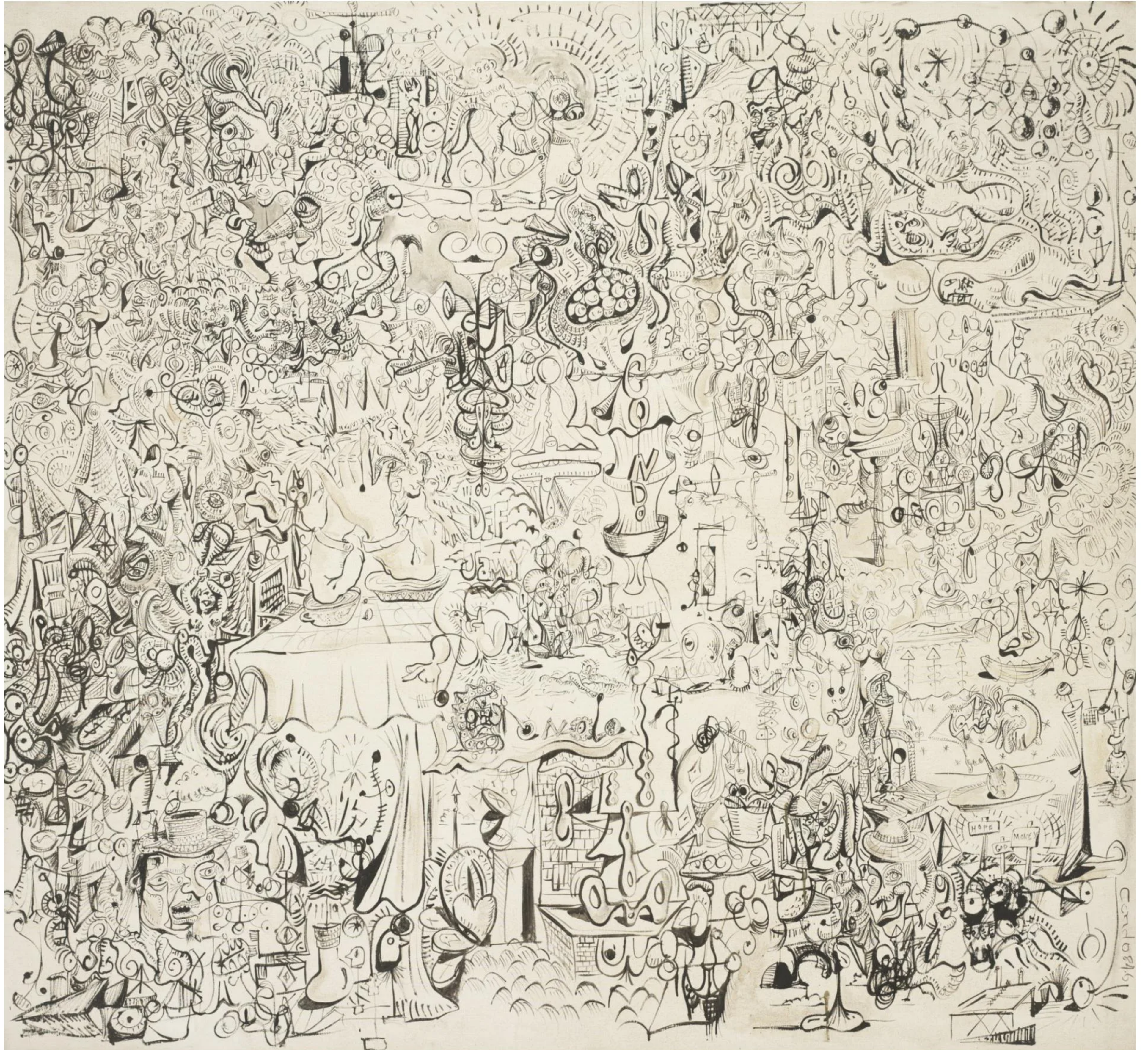


George Condo | *Diaries of Milan*

1984

Medium: Oil on canvas

Dimensions: 74 x 80 inches | 188 x 203.2 cm



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