- Delicate Balance - Carbon Drawing By Nancy Wolf

Reference:

MPD-005839
Description
"Delicate Balance" by Nancy Wolf, (American, b. 1942), conte carbon original drawing, signed and dated 1989 (30" X 22 1/2").

Wolf's works, as packed with information as a Bosch painting and as precise as old anatomical illustrations are a commentary on contemporary urban landscapes. Wolf's pictures are both barometers of the latest architectural developments and cautionary tales about the urban landscape. The precision of this original drawing is quite amazing. That the drawing is executed in conte carbon (a media that is somewhere between a pencil and charcoal) and is a very large image is remarkable.

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Her mix of familiar faces and forms forces the eye to roam again and again across her pictures, picking up new details every time. Culture vultures, especially aficionados who have tracked New York's recent architectural developments, can scan Wolf's drawings and find quotations of the latest in design.

Biography

Born: 1942 Easton, Pennsylvania

Education: 1964 BFA, Rhode Island School of Design

(European Honors Program, 1963 - 64)

Selected Public Collections:

National Museum of American Art, Washington, DC

Bass Museum of Art, Miami Beach, Florida

Sallie Mae Student Loan Marketing Association, Wash. DC

Blanton Museum of Art, Austin Texas

Corcoran Museum of Art, Washington, DC

Selected Reviews:

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Lawrence, Sidney. "Nancy Wolf at Marsha Mateyka", Art in America, May 2008

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Long, Andrew. "Openings", Art & Antiques, March 1999, p.36,38 1999

McCoy, Mary. "Wolf's Ominous Building Blocks", The Washington Post, Galleries, C2, March 30. 1991

McWilliams, Martha. Washington City Paper, p.72, Oct. 14. 1994

Mulbetsch, Marilyn. "Nancy Wolf Paints Her Case", Boston Globe, p.71, July 29.1973

Power, Mark. "Works on Paper at Mateyka", The Washington Post, Galleries, C2, November 27 1986

Sherman, Harvey E."Nancy Wolf: An Art of the Emotional Landscape", Utopian Studies, 9,1, pp. 173-83 1998

Tucker, Patrick. "Deconstruction Sites", Museum and Arts Washington p. 73, March/April 1991

Tucker, Patrick. "Soho Suite: A Response to Postmodern Architecture", Pulpsmith p.26, vol. 8. 1989

Catalogues and Publications:

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1994essay, "An Artist's Perspective on Type", Ordering Space

Types in Architecture, edited by Karen C. Franck and Lynda

Schneekloth, Van Nostrand Reinhold, New York.

1988“Nancy Wolf, Soho Suite: A Response to Postmodern

Architecture”, introduction by Wolf Von Eckardt, catalogue

published by Marsha Mateyka Gallery, Washington, DC.

Lectures:

1996“Architecture Revealed”, American Institute of Architects, Washington, DC

1993-92"Utopia; Dystopia", New Jersey Institute of Technology

Price:

$2,500.00

Main Image: 

DetailsPeriod: CONTEMPORARY
Category: ART

Condition: Excellent condition of this very large drawing

Dealer Ref: A668

- Height: 30

- Lenght : 22 1/2

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More InfoDesigner: Nancy Wolf
Country of Origin: United States
Material/tecniques: Original conte carbon drawing.

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