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"In Celebration of Age: Twentieth Century Artists in Their Seventies and "Eighties" was originally conceived as an opportunity to celebrate the on-going creative achievements of the elder statespersons of the visual arts. While curating this exhibition one of the most striking discoveries was the large number of artists who continue to create vigorous and innovative work while in their seventies, eighties, and nineties. No longer is there the rarity of creative longevity as with a Titian or a Michaelangelo.

Space limitations and the inaccessibility of some works do not allow this exhibition to include the work of every twentieth century artist who worked beyond the age of seventy. The artists included in this exhibition give one, however, a very clear indication of the wealth of art not circumscribed by youth.

For the past several generations society has, most unfortunately, taken a view of older people as being basically non-productive and non-contributing; worthy only as story-tellers of the past. Looking at the range of art in this exhibition; each work a clear demonstration of a fertile imagination, of a creative and keen mind, of versatile and capable hands, quickly dispells that kind of thinking. The added richness of experience and the wisdom resulting from many years of creative life constitute still another dimension of these works of art.

While this exhibition is a celebration of age it cannot help but recognize the proximity of illness and death. Sadly, during the period we have worked on this exhibition, three artists whose works are included or were meant to be included have died: Theodore Roszak, Ilya Bolotowsky and Ann Norton. As much of a loss as this has been to the art world, their lives were creatively vibrant until the very end.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees of Miami-Dade Community College and the New World Center Campus, I would like to thank all the lenders to the exhibition. As they are so numerous, they have been listed on the following page; without their interest and help this exhibition would never have taken place. We are grateful too for the support of the Florida Arts Council which saw the value of this exhibition for our community and funded it in part. Special thanks to Roberta Griffin, Chairperson of Creative Arts, for her counsel and help and to gallery assistants Kevin Vellake and Raymond Lohengrin Vives who worked long hours on the installation and other facets of this exhibition.

The New World Center Campus of Miami-Dade Community College is often described as a multi-ethnic community in itself. It is much more than that as a result of the diverse ages of its students. The College's commitment to bringing older individuals onto the Campus is vividly demonstrated in the support it has shown for this exhibition.

Creativity is ageless and that is the true celebration of this exhibition.

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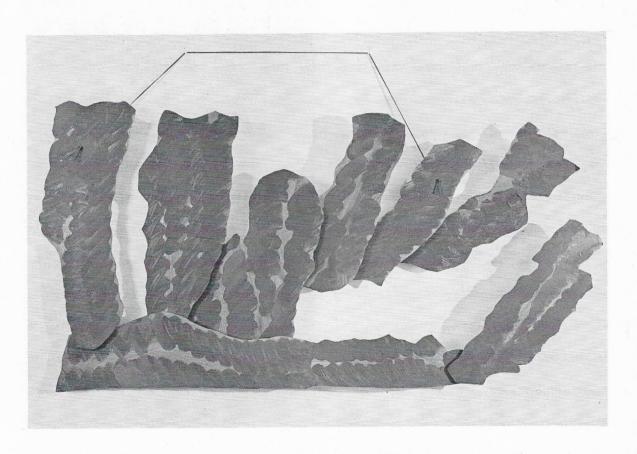
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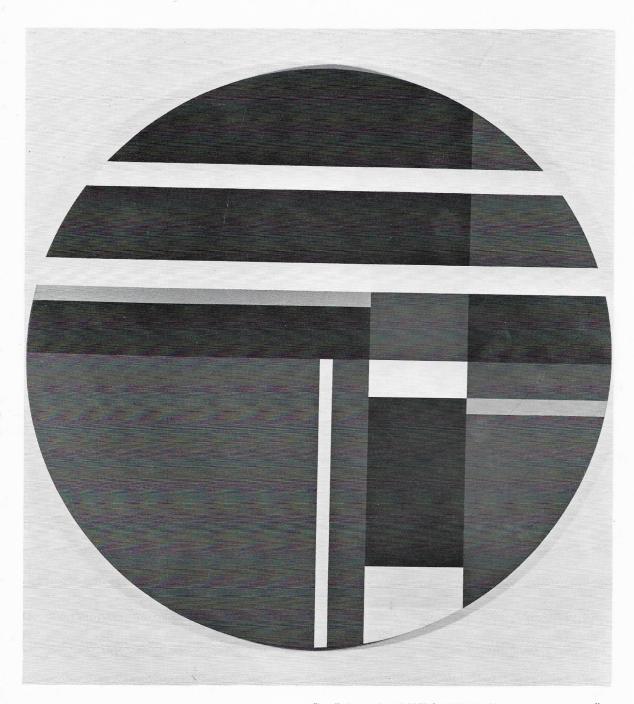
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Claire Zeisler, BLUE VISION, #29



George Sugarman, FALLING, #28

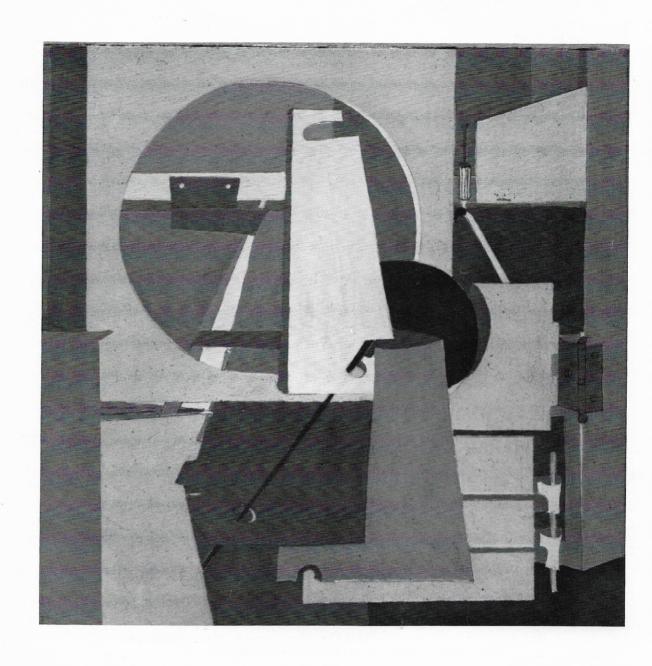


Ilya Bolotowsky, TONDO, VERTICAL, HORIZONTAL, $\,\#4\,$

CATALOGUE OF EXHIBITION

- Jean Arp (1887-1966)
 BALANCE D'ECRITURE, 1963
 Watercolor & pencil, 15" x 12"
 Courtesy Metropolitan Museum & Art Center
- 3. Jean Arp S'ERIGEANT, SE PRECIPITANT, S'ENVOLANT, 1962 Aluminum, 14¼" x 13" x 5/8" Courtesy Metropolitan Museum & Art Center
- 5. Harry Callahan (B. 1912) ATLANTA Dye transfer print, 7" x 10¼" Courtesy Light Gallery, New York
- 7. Morris Hirshfield (1872-1946) GIRL WITH A PLUMED HAT, 1945 Oil on canvas, 34" x 26" Courtesy Sidney Janis Gallery, New York
- 9. Leon Kroll (1884-1974) SELF-PORTRAIT, 1955 Crayon on paper, 8¾" x 7¾" Collection of Mr. & Mrs. George S. Bolge
- 11. Agnes Martin
 UNTITLED
 Watercolor & Graphite on paper, 9" x 9"
 Courtesy Pace Gallery, New York
- 13. Henry Moore (B. 1898)
 THREE RECLINING FIGURES, 1976
 Lithograph (27/50), 12" x 16"
 Courtesy Metropolitan Museum & Art Center
- 15. Mary Robinson "Grandma" Moses (1860-1961)
 BELVEDERE, 1943
 Oil on board, 26½" x 30"
 Courtesy Sidney Janis Gallery, New York
- 17. Betty Parsons (B. 1901) WINGS OVER COLOR, 1979 Painted wood construction, 29½" x 38" x 2" Courtesy Virginia Miller Galleries
- 19. Betty Parsons HOPI SONG, 1979 Acrylic on canvas, 6" x 29" Courtesy Vırginia Miller Galleries

- Jean Arp CRUCHE AILEE, 1963 Collage, 20½" x 19" Courtesy Metropolitan Museum & Art Center
- 4. Ilya Bolotowsky (1907-1981) TONDO, VERTICAL, HORIZONTAL, 1977 Oil on canvas, 47½" diameter Courtesy Andrew Crispo Gallery, New York
- 6. Harry Callahan IRELAND Dye Transfer print, 7¼" x 10½" Courtesy Light Gallery, New York
- 8. Lee Krasner (B. 1908)
 BETWEEN TWO APPEARANCES, 1981
 Oil on canvas with paper collage, 47" x 571/4"
 Courtesy Robert Miller Gallery, New York
- Agnes Martin (B. 1912)
 UNTITLED
 Watercolor & Graphite on paper, 9" x 9"
 Courtesy Pace Gallery, New York
- 12. Joan Miro (B. 1893)
 POLYGRAPHE
 Lithograph (39/100), 10½" x 14½"
 Courtesy Metropolitan Museum & Art Center
- 14. Henry Moore GIRL SITTING AT DESK, VII, 1974 Lithograph (4/10), 20 5/8" x 15 5/8" Courtesy Metropolitan Museum & Art Center
- 16. Louise Nevelson (B. 1900) ESSENCES #14, 1977 Soft-ground etching, 41" x 29¼" Courtesy Pace Editions, New York
- 18. Betty Parsons
 TWANG, 1980
 Painted wood construction, 22½" x 34" x 4"
 Courtesy Virginia Miller Galleries
- 20. Pablo Picasso (1881-1973) 156 GRAVURES RECENTES, Plate 48, 1970 Etching, 10¾" x 13¾" Courtesy Pace Editions, New York



Esphyr Slobodkine, Sketch for LOOKING BACKWARD, #25

- . Theodore Roszak (1907-1981) YOUNG POET, 1981 Ink and wash on paper, 25" x 40" Lent by the Estate of Theodore Roszak
- 3. Aaron Siskind (B. 1903) LIMA 17, 1980 Gelatin silver print, 10" x 10" Courtesy Light Gallery, New York
 - Esphyr Slobodkina (B. 1908) LOOKING BACKWARD, 1981 Oil on canvas, 47" x 48" Courtesy of the Artist
 - Raphael Soyer (B. 1899)
 Illustrations for Isaac Bashevis Singer's
 THE MIRROR & THE GENTLEMAN
 FROM CRACOW, 1970
 Lithographs, 26" x 19½"
 Courtesy Lowe Art Museum

- 22. Theodore Roszak
 DUMP HEAP, 1978
 Graphite on paper, 42" x 66"
 Lent by the Estate of Theodore Roszak
- 24. Aaron Siskind VOLCANO 129, 1980 Gelatin silver print, 10" x 10" Courtesy Light Gallery, New York
- 26. Esphyr Slobodkina Sketch for LOOKING BACKWARD, 1981 Oil on cardboard, 9" x 9" Courtesy of the Artist
- 28. George Sugarman (B. 1912) FALLING Relief Collage, 34" x 69¼" x 2" Courtesy Robert Miller Gallery
- 27.a. Portrait of Isaac Bashevis Singer
- 27.b. "What could be more pleasant than to sit naked in the chair . . . and contemplate oneself!...."
- 27.c. ... "I spread my wings and we were off ... Lot lay in his cave with his daughters drunk as always...."
- 27.d. "At night in the woods torches were lit ... and the voices of the searchers echoed and reechoed, "Zire! where are you? Zire!". .."
- 27.e. "Devils stood in a circle wiggling their tails...."
- 27.f. "It was a Jew ... a young tall man ... pale with a round beard and fiery dark eyes...."
- 27.g. ... "The tailors worked day and night . . . the cobblers left their benches only to pray . . vaguely remembered dance steps were tried out . . . Frampo! musicians were equally active"
- 27.h. "Hodle"
- 27.i. "The gentleman from Cracow revealed his true identity He was chief of the devils...."
- 27.j. "Where are you Jews, where are you?...."
- 27.k. "Crimson with shame the sun rose...."
- 27.1. "On the grave of Rabbi Ozer there burns an eternal light ... a white pigeon is often seen ... the spirit of Rabbi Ozer...."
- 9. Claire Zeisler (B. 1903) BLUE VISION, 1981 Hemp & felt, 78½" x 10½" with 50" spill Courtesy Young-Hoffman Gallery, Chicago
- 30. Claire Zeisler STELA IV, 1981 Hemp and felt over steel, 80" x 10½" with 50" spill Courtesy Young-Hoffman Gallery, Chicago

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