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# SPECIAL EXHIBITION OF AMERICAN GRAPHICS FROM WHITNEY MUSEUM ON VIEW AT NATIONAL GALLERY OF ART

#### Title: American Drawings and Watercolors of the 20th Century: Selections from the Whitney Museum of American Art

WASHINGTON - An exhibition of 80 drawings and watercolors from the permanent collection of the Whitney Museum of American Art will be on view at the National Gallery of Art May 21 - Sept. 7, 1987. This exhibition presents a survey of American draftsmanship from the beginning of the 20th century to the 1980s. Included are sheets by such artists as Thomas Hart Benton, Arshile Gorky, Philip Guston, Jackson Pollock, Robert Rauschenberg and Claes Oldenburg. This exhibition is made possible by The Du Pont Company, along with <u>American Drawings and</u> Watercolors of the 20th Century: Andrew Wyeth, the Helga Pictures.

"This show presents a broad sweep, exciting in its range and its diversity," said J. Carter Brown, director of the National Gallery. "We tend to think of so many of the greats of American art primarily in terms of their paintings and sculpture. We are fortunate to have this opportunity to study the achievements of American draftsmanship from the beginning of this century to the present decade."

The drawings range in date from Maurice Prendergast's <u>Central</u> <u>Park, 1901</u> (1901), to an untitled charcoal drawing (1984) by Jasper Johns. Among the schools represented are regionalism, social realism, surrealism, abstract expressionism and geometric abstraction. whitney drawings ... page 2

"This exhibition features some of the finest drawings and watercolors in the collection of the Whitney Museum," said Ruth Fine, coordinating curator of the exhibition and curator of prints and drawings at the National Gallery. "The exhibition documents various directions in 20th-century American art and investigates the diversity of the ideas and the imaginative achievements of many major American artists."

The drawings in this exhibition include a wide range of both subject matter and medium. Highly finished landscapes, figure drawings and abstract sheets as well as preparatory studies for finished works in other media are on view. Such drawing materials as graphite, watercolor, pastel, gouache, collage and stamp pad ink are represented.

Among the works are Georgia O'Keeffe's <u>Drawing #8</u> (1915), Edward Hopper's drawing for the etching <u>Evening Wind</u> (1921), Stuart Davis' <u>Study for Eggbeater #3</u> (1928), <u>Manikins</u> (c. 1942) by Willem de Kooning, <u>Lone Rock and Surf</u> (1945) by Milton Avery and <u>Self-Portrait at</u> 2668379 and 2670098 (1979-1980) by Jonathan Borofsky.

A fully illustrated catalogue, <u>20th Century Drawings from the</u> <u>Whitney Museum of American Art</u> written by Paul Cummings, adjunct curator of drawings at the Whitney, accompanies the exhibition. This exhibition, organized by the Whitney Museum, will open at the National Gallery of Art and travel to The Cleveland Museum of Art (Sept. 30 -Nov. 8, 1987). The Achenbach Foundation, California Palace of the Legion of Honor, San Francisco will show the graphic works while the Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco shows the drawings (March 5 - June 5, 1988); and the exhibition will be reunited at the Arkansas Arts Center, Little Rock (June 30 - Aug. 28, 1988).

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## **National Gallery of Art**

Washington, D.C.

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5	Mel Bochner (b. 1940) <u>December</u> , 1984 oil and enamel on paper credit: the Whitney Museum of American Art Purchase, with funds from the Drawing Committee 85.3

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Jonathan Borofsky (b. 1942) <u>Self-Portrait at 2668379 and 2670098</u>, 1979-1980 acrylic and charcoal on paper credit: the Whitney Museum of American Art Purchase, with funds from Joel and Anne Ehrenkranz 82.3

Charles Burchfield (1893-1967) Noontide in Late May, 1917 watercolor and gouache on paper credit: the Whitney Museum of American Art Purchase 31.408

Charles Burchfield (1893-1967) <u>Golden Dream</u>, 1959 watercolor on paper credit: the Whitney Museum of American Art Promised 50th Anniversary Gift of Mrs. Nicholas Millhouse P.11.80

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Chuck Close (b. 1940) <u>Phil/Fingerprint II</u>, 1978 stamp-pad ink and pencil on paper credit: the Whitney Museum of American Art Purchase, with funds from Peggy and Richard Danziger 78.55

Stuart Davis (1894-1964) Study for Eggbeater Number 3, 1928 graphite and colored pencil on paper credit: the Whitney Museum of American Art Purchase, with funds from the Charles Simon Purchase Fund 80.46 Stuart Davis (1894-1964) Study for <u>Bass Rocks</u>, 1939 gouache on board credit: the Whitney Museum of American Art Gift of Jerome Zipkin 81.41

Willem de Kooning (b. 1904) <u>Manikins</u>, c. 1942 graphite on paper credit: the Whitney Museum of American Art Purchase, with funds from the Grace Belt Endowed Purchase Fund, the Burroughs Wellcome Purchase Fund, the H. van Ameringen Foundation, The Norman and Rosita Winston Foundation, Inc., and the Drawing Committee 84.5

Willem de Kooning (b. 1904) <u>Landscape, Abstract</u>, c. 1949 oil on paper credit: the Whitney Museum of American Art Gift of Mr. and Mrs. Alan H. Temple 68.96

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Charles Demuth (1883-1935) Distinguished Air, 1930 watercolor on paper credit: the Whitney Museum of American Art Purchase, with funds from the Friends of the Whitney Museum of American Art and Charles Simon 68.16

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Richard Diebenkorn (b. 1922) <u>Untitled</u>, 1980 oil on paper credit: the Whitney Museum of American Art Purchase, with funds from Joel and Anne Ehrenkranz 80.41

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Burgoyne Diller (1906-1965) Second Theme, 1938 pencil and crayon on paper credit: the Whitney Museum of American Art Purchase, with funds from The List Purchase Fund 79.5 Burgoyne Diller (1906-1965) Untitled, 1944 collage on board credit: the Whitney Museum of American Art Purchase, with funds from the Mr. and Mrs. M. Anthony Fisher Purchase Fund, Martin and Agneta Gruss, and the Felicia Meyer Marsh Purchase Fund 82.21 Arthur G. Dove (1880-1946) Abstraction, Number 2, c. 1911 charcoal on paper credit: the Whitney Museum of American Art Purchase 61.50 Rackstraw Downes (b. 1939) Portland, Me., The Million Dollar Bridge, 1983 graphite on paper credit: the Whitney Museum of American Art Purchase, with funds from the Drawing Committee 83.42 Arshile Gorky (1904-1948) Nighttime, Enigma and Nostalgia, 1931-1932 ink on paper credit: the Whitney Museum of American Art 50th Anniversary Gift of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin A. Bergman 80.54 Arshile Gorky (1904-1948) Drawing, 1946 graphite and colored crayon on paper credit: the Whitney Museum of American Art 50th Anniversary gift of Edith and Lloyd Goodrich in memory of Juliana Force 82.48 Morris Graves (b. 1910) Journey, 1943 gouache and watercolor on paper credit: the Whitney Museum of American Art Purchase 45.14 Philip Guston (1913-1980) Drawing for Conspirators, 1930 graphite, ink, colored pencil, and crayon on paper credit: the Whitney Museum of American Art Purchase, with funds from The Hearst Corporation and The Norman and Rosita Winston Foundation, Inc. 82.20

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33*	Al Held (b. 1928) <u>76 C-7</u> , 1976 colored pencil, graphite, crayon, and felt-tip on paper credit: the Whitney Museum of American Art Purchase, with funds from the Drawing Committee 86.2
34	Edward Hopper (1882-1967) <u>Dome</u> , 1906-1907 or 1909 conte, wash, charcoal and pencil on paper credit: the Whitney Museum of American Art Bequest of Josephine N. Hopper 70.1434
35	Edward Hopper (1882-1967) Drawing for etching <u>Evening Wind</u> , 1921 conte and charcoal on paper credit: the Whitney Museum of American Art Bequest of Josephine N. Hopper 70.343
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Earl Horter (1891-1940) <u>The Chrysler Building Under Construction</u>, 1931 ink and watercolor on paper credit: the Whitney Museum of American Art Purchase, with funds from Mrs. William A. Marsteller 78.17

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Lucas Samaras (b. 1936) Extra Large Drawing #2, 1975 ink on paper credit: the Whitney Museum of American Art Purchase, with funds from the Crawford Foundation 77.69 Charles Sheeler (1883-1965) Interior, Bucks County Barn, 1932 crayon credit: the Whitney Museum of American Art Purchase 33.78 David Smith (1906-1965) Untitled, 1946 Tempera on paper credit: the Whitney Museum of American Art Purchase, with funds from The Lauder

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