

# The Imitation of Nature:

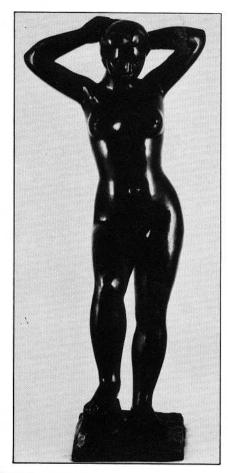
"Nature is deceptive. If I looked at her less I would produce not the real but the true.

When nations grow old, their art grows complicated and soft. We should try to return to our youth, to work naively; this is what I seek, and it is why I have had such success, because our century has tried to return to the primitive. I work as if no art had ever been made, before me, as if I had never learned anything. I am the first man to do sculpture."

ARISTIDE MAILLOL

"The work of art is a translation of life into another language, a collecting and rejecting of countless impressions, and an ordering and isolating of what is essential, the essence of the visual world."

GEORG KOLBE



BAIGNEUSE AUX BRAS LEVES, 1898 Aristide Maillol



THE MUSEUM GUARD, 1975 Duane Hanson

### The Universal Order:

# "As an artist I sense my problems and conflicts are the stuff of the cosmos.

The only purpose I see for art is that it releases new revelations of the artist as a lonely seer, who adds to the values of society.

I work so damn hard physically, monotonously, till the parts are put together, till they are organized, till you see something, a finished thing. But when it's finished, and if it's right, you feel you've got a piece of eternity...you've captured something...you only identify yourself with it by virtue of the fact that you did it."

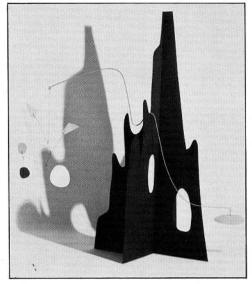
SEYMOUR LIPTON

### "The basis of everything for me is the universe.

The simplest forms in the universe are the sphere and the circle. I represent them by disks and then I vary them. My whole theory about art is the disparity that exists between form, masses, and movements...Even my triangles and spheres, but they are spheres of a different shape.

...the underlying sense of form in my work has been the system of the universe, or a part thereof. For that is a rather large model to work from."

ALEXANDER CALDER



CRAG WITH FLAT TOP, 1974 Alexander Calder



SPINNER, 1960 Seymour Lipton

## The Essence of Form:

"What was important to me then was a new clarity, a new simplicity, a reduction of all complications to simple forms.

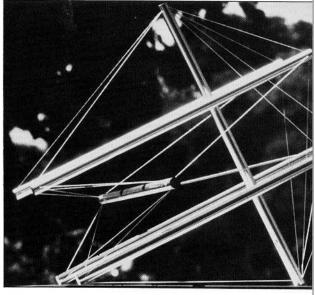
I identified complexity with the intellect, escape from one's own personality, involvement in the affairs of the world... Since I was in search of the personality, I had no interest in the uproar of the cabaret, although I don't deny the value of the noise."

JEAN ARP

"The forms that I find necessary to assert are meant to be blunt reminders of primordial strife and struggle, reminiscent of those brute forces that not only produced life, but in turn threaten to destroy it."

THEODORE ROSZAK





TENSEGRITY, 1967 Kenneth Snelson

SCULPTURE CLASSIQUE, 1960 Jean Arp

## Portrait of the Artist:

"I'm just a symmetrical man. It shows up in my art and it always did. I like to draw in the middle of the page and I just attribute it to the fact that

each person moves to a certain rhyme and rhythm in the universe."

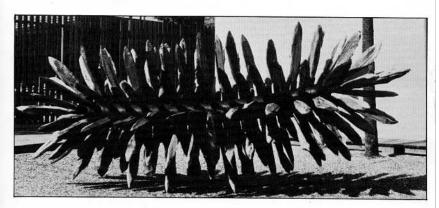
JAMES SURLS

### "A person's identity is a composite picture

of one's ideas, beliefs, infinite longings, abstractions, glances in mirrors, personal relationships, size, height, weight, and color; one's library card, driver's license, social security number, bank account, acquired names; one's occupying of one space as opposed to another, one's taste in food, one's sex...

And my experience is primarily that of an artist and I am a female."

LYNDA BENGLIS





CACTUS FLOWER, 1977 James Surls

SEIS, 1977 Lynda Benglis

### "I wanted to create a kind of false perspective.

When we look at sculpture, we instinctively translate everything into Renaissance space and perspective, based on the three-point diminishing perspective."

CHARLES GINNEVER

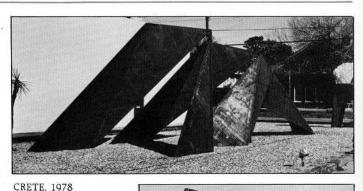
"It is possible to isolate the essence of structure—the dialogue between push and pull, compression and tension—and make it the subject of form. For the conflict between tension and compression resolved in a closed system is concisely what structure is about."

KENNETH SNELSON

"Conceive form in depth.
Clearly indicate the dominant planes.
Imagine forms as directed towards you; all life surges from a centre, expands from within outwards.
In drawing, observe relief, not outline.
The relief determines the contour.
The main thing is to be moved, to love, to hope, to tremble, to live.
Be a man before being an artist!"

#### AUGUSTE RODIN





Charles Ginnever

GOLDEN BOUGH. 1950
Theodore Roszak



#### A Catalogue of the Exhibition SCULPTURE: MODERN WORKS Philbrook Art Center October 15 through November 23, 1978

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Caesar (1893- )
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(gold patina), 21" x 11 3/4"
a State University Art

A. Ulrich Museum of Art,

der Calder (1898-1977) NITH FLAT TOP, 1974 79" x 74" x 40" edler & Co., Inc., New York

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namberlain (1927-) LED, 1962-63 zed metal, 19" x 21" one Gallery, New York City Jean-Denis Cruchet (1939-) UNTITLED, 1975 Black Carrara marble, 14" x 17" x 10" Meredith Long & Co., Houston

Jo Davidson (1883-1952) TORSO, n.d. Bronze, 23 3/8" Collection of Mrs. E.W. Marland, Ponca City

Mark di Suvero (1933- ) FIRST EUROPEAN VARIABLE SCULPTURE, 1973 Steel, 13" x 27" x 16" Janie C. Lee Gallery, Houston

Max Ernst (1891-1975) MOONMAD, plaster 1944, bronze 1956 Bronze, 36 1/2" x 15 1/4" x 11 5/8" Gift of D. and J. de Menil The Museum of Fine Arts, Houston

Bernard Frazier (1906-1976) WOMAN AND FALCON, 1940 Clay with celadon glaze, 18" x 15 1/2" x 11 1/2' Gift of Clark Field Philbrook Art Center, Tulsa

Harriet Whitney Frishmuth
(1880- )
JOY OF THE WATERS, 1928
Bronze, 60" x 16" x 14"
Gift of Mr. and Mrs. Waite Phillips
Philbrook Art Center, Tulsa

Charles Ginnever (1931- )
CRETE, 1978
Cor-ten steel, 11' 8" x 12' 8" x 50'
Sculpture Now, Inc., Houston/New
York

Michael Hall (1941- ) HARLAN, 1977 Painted steel, 57" x 11" x 14" Feigenson-Rosenstein Gallery, Detroit

Duane Hanson (1925- )
THE MUSEUM GUARD, 1975
Polyester resin & fiberglas,
polychromed in oil, 69" x 21"
(lifesize)
Nelson Gallery-Atkins Museum
(Friends of Art Collection), Kansas
City

Duayne Hatchett (1925- )
YELLOW TOTEM, 1966
Painted steel, 83" x 24 1/2" x 36 1/2"
Collection of Robert Rosborough,
St. Louis

John Henry (1943- ) CLARENCETOWN LIGHT, 1971 Welded aluminum, 36 x 96 x 120" Foundation for the Arts Collection, Gift of Mrs. Robert Meltzer Dallas Museum of Fine Arts, Dallas

Linda Howard KUAN, 1977 Aluminum, 18' x 7' x 7' Sculpture Now, Inc., Houston/New York

Richard Hunt (1935- )
MEANDER, 1978
Cor-ten steel, 42 1/2" x 92" x 156"
Pelham-von Stoffler Gallery, Houston

Anna Hyatt Huntington (1876-1973) FEMALE GREAT DANE, 1909 Bronze, 47 1/2" x 17 1/2" x 21"

MALE GREAT DANE, 1909 Bronze, 47 1/2" x 17 1/2" x 20 3/4" Gift of Tulsa Art Association, Philbrook Art Center, Tulsa

William King (1925- ) BIRTHDAY, 1969 Aluminum, 89" Zabriskie Gallery, New York

Georg Kolbe (1877-1947)
CROUCHING FIGURE, n.d.
Bronze (black patina), 10" x 9 5/8"
Wichita State University Art
Collection
Edwin A. Ulrich Museum of Art

Harvey Littleton (1922- )
GOLD RUBY LOOP WITH WHITE
LINE, c. 1970's
Glass, 16" x 12" x 4 1/2"
Oklahoma Art Center,
Oklahoma City

Seymour Lipton (1903- ) SPINNER, 1960 Nickel & silver, 27" x 15" x 21" Oklahoma Art Center, Oklahoma City

Aristide Maillol (1823-1894)
BAIGNEUSE AUX BRAS LEVES, 1898
original, 1930 cast, no. 1
Bronze, 61 1/4" with base
Wildenstein Gallery, New York

Ivan Mestrovic (1883-1962) ST. JOHN, c. 1950 Bronze, 14" x 13" x 24" Collection of Stanley S. Sessler, Tulsa

Donn Moulton (1932- )
GREEN APPLE, 1973
Moulded fiberglas, 31" x 31" x 11"
Collection of the museum of Art
University of Oklahoma, Norman

Louise Nevelson (1900-)
SKY GATE 13, 1973
Black painted wood, 21 1/2" x
20" x 2"
Pace Gallery, New York

Peter Reginato (1945- ) WAITING WANDERING WOMAN 1977 Steel, 61" x 30" x 26"

VERONICA LAKE, 1977 Steel, 86" x 33" x 35"

MATHEW AT THREE, 1977 Steel, 42" x 19" x 33" Watson/de Nagy & Co., Houston

Jose de Rivera (1904- ) CONSTRUCTION No. 13, 1955 Bronze forged rod, 16" x 11" x 9" Collection of Mr. and Mrs. Benedic I. Lubell, Tulsa

Auguste Rodin (1840-1917)
DANCE MOVEMENT A, 1910-11
Bronze (green patina),
12 1/2" x 5 1/2"
Wichita State University Art
Collection
Edwin A Ulrich Museum of Art,
Wichita

Theodore Roszak (1907-GOLDEN BOUGH, 1950 Steel & brazed bronze, 15" x 14" Collection of the artist

Victor Salmones FLYING BOY, 1974 Bronze, 6' x 4' x 4' Collection of Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Albert, Jr., Tulsa, Oklahoma

Tom Sayre (1940-

UNTITLED. 1976 Cor-ten steel, 96" x 51" x 38" Watson/de Nagy & Co., Houston Jason Seley (1919- ) BELLBAGUY (BALL), 1975 Chrome plated steel, 47" x 62"

Louis K. Meisel Gallery, New York

Kenneth Snelson (1927- )
TENSEGRITY, ed. 36, signed & date
with stamp, 1967
Aluminum tube & wire,
14 1/2" x 14
Collection of the Museum of Art
University of Oklahoma, Norman

Richard Stankiewicz (1922-RAILROAD URCHIN, 1959 Steel, 51" x 41" x 20" Zabriskie Gallery, New York

Marguerite Stix (1907-1975) BATHING GROUP, 1961 Bronze (one of three), 11 3/4" Gift of Washington Irving Gallery, New York Philbrook Art Center, Tulsa James Surls (1942-CACTUS FLOWER, 1977 Steel & wood, 95 1/2" x 22' 3" x 93" Collection of the artist Masaru Takiguchi (1941-UNTITLED, 1975 Pecan wood, 20" x 34" x 19" Meredith Long & Co., Houston Anne B. Tomlins (1949-TYGRE, TYGRE..., 1975 Neon, glass & grass, 48" x 15" x 15" Collection of the artist Chuck B. Tomlins (1941-GRAVEYARD OF ANOTHER TIME. Mixed media, 12' x 32' diameter On-site construction by the artist

Ernest Trova (1927-

Brass. 8" x 18" x 7"

1970

Tulsa

FALLING MAN STUDY No. 163,

Collection of George R. Kravis, II,

Constance Whitney Warren STEEPLECHASE, 1921 Bronze, 13 7/8" x 34 1/4" x 17 1/2" Gift of George Henry Warren, New York Philbrook Art Center, Tulsa Mac Whitney (1936-ODESSA, 1978 Steel plate, 12' 6" x 12' 14" Collection of the artist Fritz Wotruba (1907-STANDING FIGURE, 1956 Bronze (dark brown patina), 15 3/4" x 4 3/4" Wichita State University Art Collection Edwin A. Ulrich Museum of Art. Wichita

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