

## 20TH CENTURY SCULPTURE: SELECTIONS FROM THE METROPOLITAN MUSEUM OF ART



When I first asked William Lieberman if it would be possible for a selection of works from the collection of 20th century sculpture at The Metropolitan Museum of Art to be exhibited at the Storm King Art Center, I was delighted by his gracious and enthusiastic response. It has been a privilege for David Collens and me to work with William Lieberman, Lowery Sims and Ida Balboul to prepare this exhibition, and we appreciate their thoughtful and energetic cooperation. The great diversity of form and material so characteristic of the sculpture of our century is splendidly evident in these works from the Metropolitan. Storm King welcomes this special opportunity to display them.

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David SMITH (American, 1906-1965) TANKTOTEM II (SOUNDING) Steel and bronze, (1952-53) H: 80½", W: 49½" Fletcher Fund, 1953. Female Torso (c. 1920) demonstrates vestiges of the Cubist interests that characterized his work of a decade earlier, and Anita Wechsler's Victory Ball (1951) exemplifies the adaptation of the Cubist vocabularies in the heroic sculpture that was popular during the 1930s and '40s. Walter Dusenbery shaped the essential form of Pedogna (1977) from stone, and revealed the peculiar texture of the material at the same time. While Tony Smith's Untitled (1970) is more refined in presentation, the sculptor's minimalist philosophy is compatible with this direct presentation of form.

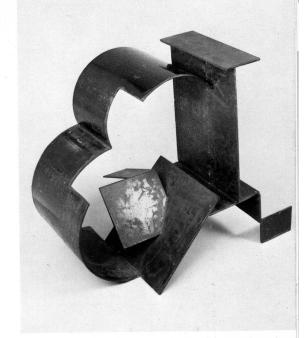


Gerhard MARCKS (German, 1889-1981) OEDIPUS AND ANTIGONE Bronze, (1960) H: 93" Gift of Joan and Lester Arnet, 1983.

Predictably, portraits are the largest group of works in the sculpture collection of the 20th Century Department. Isamu Noguchi's portrait head of the American dancer, poet and artist Angna Enters was modeled in 1931. This is one of two portrait busts from the collection

executed by Noguchi during the late 1920s and early 1930s. The subjects were invariably friends who were connected with the dance, theater and art worlds, including Lillian Gish (in the Museum's collection). Martha Graham and Buckminister Fuller. Although this work is distinct from Noguchi's usual sculpture approach, it is remarkable in its sensitive presentation of the personality of the sitter. Marino Marini's portrait of the American musician and sculptor Samuel Barber, who died in 1981, is the first work by this Italian artist to enter our collection. Marini's work displays the Expressionist humanism of European art after 1945 as he combines the firm sense of form of classical antiquity with the innovative conventions of abstraction.

Jo Davidson's nearly life-size evocation of the pioneer American collector and writer <u>Gertrude Stein</u> is eerie in its rendering of her signature



Peter REGINATO (American, 1945-) THE DIASPASON Welded steel, (1970) H: 30", W: 17", D: 27" Gift of Mr. and Mrs. Jason McCoy, 1979.

posture and its uncanny verisimilitude to the actual woman. It was executed the year of her death (1946), a fact which imbues it with a memorial association not unlike George Segal's plaster bust of the art historian and scholar Meyer Schapiro (1977). Segal

David SMITH (American, 1906-1965), BECCA, Stainless steel, (1965), H: 113<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>", W: 123". Bequest of Adelaide Milton de Groot, by exchange, 1972.



## **Exhibition Checklist**

Alexander ARCHIPENKO (American, 1887-1964)
FEMALE TORSO
White marble on grey marble base
H: 14¾" (figure);
H: 3¾", Gr. diam: 4½" (base)
Bequest of Charles F. Ikle, 1963.

Edward AVEDISIAN (American, 1936-) YELLOW STEPS Acrylic on styrofoam, (1975) H: 18", W: 13½", D: 11" Joseph H. Hazen Foundation, Inc., Gift, 1976.

Louise BOURGEOIS (American, 1911-) POINT OF CONTACT Bronze, (1967-1968) H: 5½", W: 10¼", D: 3½" Gift of Ruth Stephan Franklin, 1973.

Reginald BUTLER (British, 1913-1981) TORSO Bronze, (1955) H: 37½", W: 20", D: 13½" Gift of Peter Meltzer, in memory of David and Elise Meltzer, 1980.

Tom BUTTER (American, 1952- ) J.D. J.D. Fiberglass and resin, (1983) H: 48", W: 95", D: 19" Gift of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Brandt, 1984.

Alexander CALDER (American, 1898-1976) MOBILE Steel and aluminum, (1942) H: c 60" Rogers Fund, 1942.

Jose de CREEFT (American, 1884-1982) EMERVEILLEMENT: STATUETTE Serpentine, (1941) H: 18%" M.K. Jesup Fund, 1944.

Jo DAVIDSON (American, 1883-1952) GERTRUDE STEIN Bronze, (1946) H: 33", W: 22", D: 24" Gift of Dr. Maury P. Liebowitz, 1982.

Walter DUSENBERY (American, 1939-) PEDOGNA Red travertine marble, (1977) H: 102½", W: 25½" Gift of Doris and Jack Weintraub, 1979.

Herbert FERBER (American, 1906-HOMAGE TO PIRANESI II Copper, brass, (1962-63) Gr. H: 90", Gr. W: 46½", Gr. D: 46½" Gift of William Rubin, 1965.

David HARE (American, 1917-) THE SWAN'S DREAM OF LEDA Bronze, stone, (1962) H: 44", W: 33½" (figure) H: 9¾", W: 12½", D: 9¾"(base) Gift of the artist, 1963.:

Richard HUNT (American, 1935-) PEREGRINE FORMS Steel, welded, (1965) H: 42½", W: 50" Purchase, Rogers Fund and Douglas Dillon Gift, 1970.

Jean IPOUSTEGUY (French, 1920-)
DAVID AND GOLIATH
Bronze, (1959)
David: 48 x 25 x 23"
Goliath: 31 x 26 x 55"
Head: 29 x 19 x 20"
Center: 20 x 21 x 23½"
Gift of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Zadok, 1983.

Frederick KIESLER (American, 1896-1965) WINGED VICTORY Bronze, (c. 1951) H: 30", W: 28", D: 241/2" Gift of Salander – O'Reilly, 1983.

William KING (American, 1925-) ACROBAT Bronze, (1949) H: 16\%" Gift of Mrs. Charles Abrams, 1980.

Seymour LIPTON (American, 1903-) PIONEER Nickel-silver alloy, (1957) H: 94", Gr. W: 32" Gift of Mrs. Albert A. List, 1958.

Gerhard MARCKS (German, 1889-1981) OEDIPUS AND ANTIGONE Bronze, (1960) H: 93" Gift of Joan and Lester Arnet, 1983.

Marino MARINI (Italian, 1901-1980) SAMUEL BARBER Bronze, (1949) H: 11", W: 6½", D: 85%" Bequest of Samuel Barber, 1981.

Bernard MEADOWS (British, 1915- ) AUGUSTUS Bronze, (c. 1962) H: 64½" Extended loan and promised gift of Charles Zadok.

Henry MOORE (British, 1898-SQUARE FORM WITH CUT Bronze, (1969) H: (without base) 55%" W: 6½", D: 4¾" Gift of Laura and David Finn, 1982.

Henry MOORE (British, 1898- ) FAMILY GROUP Bronze, (1944) H: 57%", W: 5", D: 23/4" Anonymous gift, in honor of Alfred H. Baur, Jr., 1981.

Henry MOORE (British, 1898-) UPRIGHT MOTIVE NO. 8
Bronze, (1955)
H: 1076" (without base)
H: 1176" (with base)
Gift of Dr. Joseph Singer, 1968.
The Florence and Joseph Singer Collection.

Henry MOORE (British, 1898-) TWO FORMS Bronze, (1934) H: 7" Gift of Mr. and Mrs. Harry A. Brooks, in honor of Henry Moore on his 85th birthday, 1982.

Henry MOORE (British, 1898- ) SPINDLE PIECE Bronze, (1968) H: 6½" (without base), W: 5¾", D: 4½" Gift of Laura and David Finn, 1982.

Robert MURRAY (Canadian, 1936-) CHILKAT Painted aluminum, (1977) H: 51", W: 61", D: 81" Purchase, Anonymous Gift Fund, 1978.

Elie NADELMAN (American, 1882-1946) STANDING FEMALE Gilt bronze, (c. 1908) H: 28" Gift of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Horwitz, 1975.

Reuben NAKIAN (American, 1897-EUROPA AND THE BULL Terracotta, (1948) H: 123/6" Gift of Mrs. Charles Abrams. 1980. Louise NEVELSON (American, 1900-BLACK CRESCENT Black painted wood, (1971) H: 133½" W: 86", D: 11" Gift of Albert and Vera List, 1972.

Isamu NOGUCHI (American, 1904-) PORTRAIT OF A YOUNG WOMAN (ANGNA ENTERS): HEAD Bronze, black patina, (1932) H: 111/4" M.K. Jesup Fund, 1934.

Beverly PEPPER (American, 1924-) HARMONIOUS TRIAD Cast ductile iron, (1982-83) 24" square pedestal with three columns, 8' x 2", 8' x 7", 7' x 7" Gift of Charles Cowles, 1983.

Antoine PEVSNER (French, 1886-1962) COLUMN OF PEACE Bronze, (1954) H: 53", W: 35½", D: 19¾" Gift of Alex Hillman Family Foundation, in memory of Richard Alan Hillman, 1981.

Peter REGINATO (American, 1945-) THE DIASPASON Welded steel, (1970) H: 30", W: 17", D: 27" Gift of Mr. and Mrs. Jason McCoy, 1979.

Theodore ROSZAK (American, 1907-1981) FIREBIRD Iron brazed with bronze and brass, (1950-51) H: 31", W: 41", D: 27" Gift of Muriel Kallis Newman, in memory of the artist, THE MURIEL KALLIS STEINBERG NEWMAN COLLECTION, 1982

George SEGAL (American, 1924-) MEYER SCHAPIRO Painted plaster, (1977) H: 377%", W: 26", D: 12" Gift of Paul Jenkins, 1981.

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Tony SMITH, (American, 1912-1980) UNTITLED Black marble (1970) H: 5¾", D: 12" Gift of Henry Geldzahler, 1980.

John STORRS (American, 1885-1956) TÊTE-A-TÊTE Bronze, (1917) H: 11", W: 111½", D: 21⁄4" Purchase, Edward C. Moore, Jr. Gift and Rogers Fund, 1970.

Anita Weschler (American, - ) VICTORY BALL Cast stone, (1951) H: 24", W: 41", D: 23½" Purchase, Morris and Rose Rochman Gift, 1982.

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