

NANCY SPERO (August 24, 1926 -October 18, 2009) The Modest Orgasms of the Middle Class from the Artaud series

Signed in pencil, lower right, "Spero" gouache, charcoal, and collage on paper 25 x 20 in. (28 1/4 x 23 x 1 3/4 in.) 1969

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PROVENANCE:

Private Collection, Houston

Nancy Spero

Biography

Born 1926, Cleveland, Ohio Died 2009, New York, New York

B.F.A. Art Institute of Chicago, 1949 Atelier Andre L'Hote, Paris, 1949-50 Ecole des Beaux-Arts, Paris, 1949-50

Nancy Spero was born in Cleveland, Ohio, in 1926. She received a BFA from the School of the Art Institute of Chicago (1949), and honorary doctorates from the School of the Art Institute of Chicago (1991) and Williams College (2001). Spero is a pioneer of feminist art. Her work since the 1960s is an unapologetic statement against the pervasive abuse of power, Western privilege, and male dominance. Executed with a raw intensity on paper and in ephemeral installations, her work often draws its imagery and subject matter from current and historical events such as the torture of women in Nicaragua, the extermination of Jews in the Holocaust, and the atrocities of the Vietnam War. Spero samples from a rich range of visual sources of women as protagonists—from Egyptian hieroglyphics, seventeenth-century French history painting, and Frederick's of Hollywood lingerie advertisements. Spero's figures co-exist in nonhierarchical compositions on monumental scrolls, and visually reinforce principles of equality and tolerance. Spero was elected to the American Academy of Arts and Letters (2006). Awards include a Lifetime Achievement Award from the College Art Association (2005); the Honor Award from the Women's Caucus for Art (2003); the Hiroshima Art Prize (jointly with Leon Golub, 1996); and the Skowhegan Medal (1995). Major exhibitions include Centro Galego de Arte Contemporanea, Santiago de Compostela (2003); Massachusetts Institute of Technology, List Visual Arts Center, Cambridge (1994); the Institute of Contemporary Art, Boston (1994); the Museum of Modern Art, New York (1992); and the Museum of Contemporary Art, Los Angeles (1988). Spero lived and worked in New York, where she passed away in October 2009.

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2013

Towards Liberation, VCUArts Anderson Gallery, Richmond, Virginia Cri du Coeur, Worcester Art Museum, Worcester, Massachusetts From Victimage to Liberation: Works from the 1980s & 1990s, Galerie Lelong, New York

2012

Nancy Spero: The Rebirth, HELLERAU - European Center for the Arts, Dresden, Germany

2011

Nancy Spero: Works from the 1980s, Barbara Gross Galerie, Munich, Germany

2010

Woman in Motion, Galerie Lelong, Paris, France Nancy Spero, Musée National d'art Moderne Centre Georges Pompidou, Paris, France. Traveled through 2011 to Serpentine Gallery, London, England

2009

Blue, Studio Stefania Miscetti, Rome, Italy Woman as Protagonist, Museum der Moderne Salzburg, Salzburg, Austria Un Coup de Dent, Galerie Lelong, New York, New York

2008

Nancy Spero, Anthony Reynolds Gallery, London, England Dissidances, Museo d'Art Contemporani de Barcelona, Barcelona, Spain. Traveled to Museo Nacional Centro de Arte Reina Sofia, Madrid, Spain, Centro Andaluz de Arte Contemporáneo, Seville, Spain

Spero Speaks, de Appel Arts Centre, Amsterdam, The Netherlands

2007

Artaud Paintings and Codex Artaud, Frac Haute-Normandie, Sotteville-lès-Rouen, France

The Paris Black Paintings, Galerie Lelong, Paris, France

2006

Francosoffiantino Artecontemporanea, Torino, Italy

2005

Cri du Coeur, Galerie Lelong, New York

2004

Weighing the Heart Against a Feather of Truth, Centro Galego de Arte Contemporanea, Santiago de Compostela, Spain

2003

OtherWorlds: The Art of Nancy Spero and Kiki Smith, Baltic Mill Centre for Contemporary Art, Gateshead, England

Poem to Isis, Banner installation, Art of the Ancient World, Egyptian Section, Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, Massachusetts

The War Series, Galerie Lelong, New York. Traveled through 2004 to Galerie Lelong

Paris, Paris, France

2002

Azur, Galerie Lelong, New York, New York

Nancy Spero: A Continuous Present, Kunsthalle zu Kiel, Kiel, Germany

Nancy Spero: The First Language, Center for the Arts, Wesleyan University,

Middletown, Connecticut

2001

True Grit: Seven Female Visionaries Before Feminism, The Mills College Art Museum, Oakland, California

Barbara Gross Galerie, Munich, Germany

Codex Artaud, University of Massachusetts at Dartmouth, Dartmouth, Massachusetts.

Traveled through 2004 to several venues

Nancy Spero and Leon Golub: Prints 1950 – 2001, The Print Center, Philadelphia,

Pennsylvania

Sheela Does Ramapo, Berrie Center, Ramapo College of New Jersey, Mahwah, New Jersey

Vancouver Art Gallery, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada

Trinity College, Hartford, Connecticut

2000

Sheela Does Fredericksburg, Mary Washington College, Fredericksburg, Pennsylvania Sheela-Na-Gigs and Nancy Spero, Hiestand Galleries, School of Fine Arts, Miami University, Oxford, Ohio

1998

Black and the Red III, Galerie Montenay-Giroux, Paris, France

Crown Gallery, Brussels, Belgium

Nancy Spero, inaugural exhibition and wall installation, Ikon Gallery, Birmingham, England

Nancy Spero NEUE ARBEITEN, Barbara Gross Galerie, Munich, Germany

Museo Jacobo Borges, Caracas, Venezuela

1996

Black and the Red III, P.P.O.W., New York, New York

Cycle in Time, New York Kunsthalle, New York, New York

Galerie im Taxispalais, Innsbruck, Austria

Galerie Ursula Walbröl, Düsseldorf, Germany

Hiroshima City Museum of Contemporary Art, Hiroshima City, Japan

Leon Golub • Nancy Spero - Contemporaries, The Elaine L. Jacob Gallery, Wayne

State University, Detroit, Michigan

Sheela at Home, Jack Tilton Gallery, New York, New York

1995

Barbara Gross Galerie, Munich, Germany

Notes In Time: Nancy Spero and Leon Golub, Fine Arts Gallery, University of Maryland

Baltimore County, Cantonsville, Maryland

Residenzgalerie, Salzburg, Austria

1994

Jack Tilton Gallery, New York, New York

Malmö Konsthall, Malmö, Sweden

Printworks, Chicago, Illinois

Rhona Hoffman Gallery, Chicago, Illinois

War and Memory: Nancy Spero and Leon Golub Retrospective, The American Center, Paris France. Traveled through 1996 to MIT List Visual Arts Center, Massachusetts

Institute of Technology, Cambridge, Massachusetts; Vancouver Art Gallery,

Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada

1993

Galerie Mathias Kampl, Passau, Germany

Golub/Spero, 60's/70's, Josh Baer Gallery, New York, New York

Golub/Spero, 90's/50's, Josh Baer Gallery, New York, New York

Greenville County Museum, Greenville, South Carolina

Hieroglyph, The College of Saint Rose, Albany, New York

National Gallery of Canada, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada

Works On Paper: Nancy Spero and Leon Golub, Olin Art Gallery, Kenyon College,

Gambier, Ohio

1992

Bilder 1981-1991, Christine König Gallery, Vienna, Austria

Galerie Ursula Walbröl, Düsseldorf, Germany

Hieroglyphs, Terrain Gallery, San Francisco, California

Nancy Spero & Leon Golub: Works on Paper, Traklhaus Gallery, Salzburg, Austria

Ulmer Museum, Ulm, Germany

1991

Galerie Gebrüder Lehmann, Dresden, Germany

Galerie Raymond Bollag, Zurich, Switzerland

Galleria Stefania Miscetti, Rome, Itlay

Josh Baer Gallery, New York, New York

Jürgen Becker Galerie, Hamburg, Germany

Nancy Spero & Leon Golub: A Commitment To The Human Spirit, UWM Art Museum,

University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Nancy Spero in der Glyptothek, Arbeiten auf Papier Glyptothek am Königsplatz.

Munich, Germany

Small Works, Artaud Paintings, War Series, Barbara Gross Galerie, Munich, Germany

Works on Paper 1981-1991, Salzburger Kunstverein, Künstlerhaus Salzburg, Austria

1990

Anthony Reynolds Gallery, London, England

Galerie Montenay, Paris, France

Gallery Hibell, Tokyo, Japan

Nancy Spero: Bilder 1958 bis 1990, Haus am Walsee, Berlin, Germany. Traveled to

Bonner

Kunstverein, Bonn, Germany; Gemeentemuseum, Arnhem, The Netherlands

Notes In Time, Honolulu Academy of Arts, Honolulu, Hawaii and Smith College

Museum of Art.

Northampton, Massachusetts

1989

Burnett Miller Gallery, Los Angeles, California

Contemporary Art Gallery, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada

Tomasulo Gallery, Union County College, Cranford, New Jersey

Les Magiciens de la Terre, Le Grande Halle de la Villette, Paris, France

Works from 1956-62, Josh Baer Gallery, New York S.L. Simpson Gallery, Toronto

1988

Barbara Gross Galerie, Munich, Germany

Douglas Hyde Gallery, Dublin, Ireland

Nancy Spero: War Series 1966-1969, Artaud Paintings: 1969-1970, Rhona Hoffman

Gallery, Chicago, Illinois

Normal Love, Amelie A. Wallace Gallery, State University of New York, College at Old Westbury, Long Island, New York

Prospect '89, Cupola Schirn Kunsthalle, Frankfurt, Germany

Terrain Gallery, San Francisco, California

The Artaud Series: 1969-1970, Barbara Gladstone Gallery, New York, New York The First Language, The Museum of Contemporary Art, Los Angeles, California University Art Gallery, Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio

War Paintings: 1966-1970, Josh Baer Gallery, New York, New York

1987

Institute of Contemporary Art, London, England; Traveled to The Fruit Market Gallery, Edinburgh, Scotland; The Orchard Gallery, Derry, Northern Ireland

Lawrence Oliver Gallery, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Nancy Spero, Works Since 1950, Everson Museum of Art, Syracuse, New York.

Traveled to Museum of Contemporary Art, Chicago, Illinois; Mendel Gallery,

Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada; Albert and Vera List Visual Arts Center,

Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, Massachusetts; The Power Plant, Toronto, Ontario, Canada; The New Museum of Contemporary Art, New York, New York

S.L. Simpson Gallery, Toronto

Sheela and the Dildo Dancer, Josh Baer Gallery, New York, New York

The Arts Gallery, Barnard College, New York, New York

1986

Center Gallery, Carrboro, North Carolina

Continuum, Museum Villa Stuck, Munich, Germany

Greenville County Museum of Art, Greenville, South Carolina

Josh Baer Gallery, New York, New York

Rhona Hoffman Gallery, Chicago, Illinois

Works on Paper, Houghton House Gallery, Hobart and William Smith College,

Geneva. New York

1985

The Black Paintings, The Renaissance Society at the University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois

Burnett Miller Gallery, Los Angeles, California

1982

Nancy Spero and Leon Golub: Vietnam War, Tweed Art Gallery, Plainfield, New Jersey

1976

Torture of Women, AIR Gallery, New York, New York

1973

Codex Artaud, AIR Gallery, New York, New York

1965

Galerie Breteau, Paris, France

1962

Galerie Breteau, Paris, France

1958

Nancy Spero/Leon Golub, Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2015

Slip of the Tongue, Punta della Dogana, Venice, Italy

Normal Love, Barbara Gross Galerie, Munich, Germany

Elogio de la fatiga - Fabra I Coats, Barcelona Contemporary Art Center, Barcelona, Spain

En cuerpo y alma. Mujeres artistas de los siglos XX y XXI, Sala kubo-kutxa, San Sebastián, Spain

2014

What's In and What's Not, Anthony Reynolds Gallery, London, United Kingdom artevida: a City wide contemporary art exhibition; artevida (política), Museu de Arte Moderna do Rio de Janeiro, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Other sections: artevida (corpo), Casa França-Brasil, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil; artevida (arquivo), Biblioteca Parque Estadual, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil; artevida (parque), Escola de Artes Visuais do Parque Lage, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Draw Me A Sheep, Galerie Gabrielle Maubrie, Paris, France

Civilization, Anthony Reynolds Gallery, London, United Kingdom

L'Heure Des Sorcières, Centre d'art contemporain de Quimper - le Quartier, Quimper, France

The Shape of Things, Jack Shainman Gallery, New York, New York

The Sensory War 1914 – 2014, Manchester Art Gallery, Manchester, United Kingdom In Camera, Le Cartel, Marseille, France

The Disasters of War, Louvre Lens, Lens, France

Drawings & Works on Paper, Galerie Lelong, New York, New York

Ce que raconte la solitude, organized by Le Cartel de la Friche and Art-O-Rama, La Friche Belle de Mai, Marseille, France

2013

Female Power, Museum voor Moderne Kunst Arnhem, Arnhem, The Netherlands Ola Writes the Alphabet, Stux Gallery, New York, New York Tell It To My Heart: Collected by Julie Ault, Museum für Gegenwarts-kunst Basel,

Switzerland; Travelling to Culturgest, Lisbon, Portugal

2012

The Female Gaze: Women Artists Making Their World, Penssylvania Academy of the Fine Arts, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Tracing the Century: Drawing as a Catalyst for Change, Tate Liverpool, United Kingdom

Bearing Witness, Kelowna Art Gallery, Kelowna, British Columbia, Canada Every Exit is An Entrance: 30 Years of Exit Art, Exit Art, New York, New York

VIOLENCE. Art Decoding Violence, XV Biennale Donna, organized by UDI – Unione Donne in Italia di Ferrara and the Gallerie d'Arte Moderna e Contemporanea in Ferrara, Padiglione d'Arte Contemporanea, Ferrara, Italy

EVERY EXIT IS AN ENTRANCE: 30 Years of Exit Art, Exit Art, New York, New York Spirits of Internationalism: 6 European Collections 1956-1986, M HKA, Antwerp, Belgium

Loin des yeux près du corps, Galerie de l'UQAM, Université du Québec à Montréal, Canada

2011

The Sum of Its Parts: Selections from the Benton Collections, William Benton Museum of Art, Storrs, Connecticut

Abstract Expressionism and its Discontents, Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Heroínas, Museo Thyssen-Bornemisza and Fundación Caja Madrid, Spain

2010

Love in Vein: Editions Fawbush projects and artists 2005–2010, Gering & Lopez Gallery, New York, New York

Shifting the Gaze: Painting and Feminism, The Jewish Museum, New York, New York Bearing Witness: Works from the Collection, Vancouver Art Gallery, Vancouver B.C., Canada

Signs of Life: Ancient Knowledge in Contemporary Art, Kunstmuseum Luzern Museum of Art Lucerne, Lucern, Switzerland

Babel, FRAC Auvergne, Clermont-Ferrand, France

Breathless Days 1959 – 1960: A Chronotropic Experiment, Morris and Helen Belkin Art Gallery, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada

Ni Una Mas (Not One More): The Juarez Murders, The Leonard Pearlstein Gallery, Drexel University, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Signs of Life: Ancient Knowledge in Contemporary Art, Kunstmuseum Luzern, Luzern Germany

Diabolique, Galerie de L'UQAM, Université du Québec à Montréal, Quebec, Canada The Visible Vagina, David Nolan Gallery, New York, New York Face History, Anthony Reynolds Gallery, London, England

2009

Back to Earth: Revisiting Magiciens de la Terre, Fleisher/Ollman Gallery, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

And Other Essays, Center for Curatorial Studies and Hessel Museum of Art at Bard College, Annandale-on-Hudson, New York

Kiki Smith, Nancy Spero, Nalini Malani, Galeria Estiarte, Madrid, Spain

The Sacred Feminine: Prehistory to Post Modernity, Museum of Art and Archeology, University of Missouri, Columbia, Missouri

Diabolique, Dunlop Art Gallery, Regina, Canada

elles@centrepompidou: Women Artists in the Collections of the National Modern Art Museum, Musée National d'art Moderne Centre Georges Pompidou, Paris, France Lest We Forget: The Voice of Art, Weatherspoon Art Museum, Greensboro, North Carolina

Time as Matter. MACBA Collection. New Acquisitions, Museu d'Art Contemporani de Barcelona, Barcelona, Spain

Unbuilt Roads, Based on the book Unbuilt Roads: 107 Unrealised Projects, Hatje Cantz (1997) edited by Hans Ulrich Obrist and Guy Tortosa, e-flux project space, New York, New York

What's the Word: Words and Symbols from the Lyman Allyn Art Museum, Lyman Allyn Art Museum, New London, Connecticut

2008

Reflections, Rhona Hoffman Gallery, Chicago, Illinois

Close Encounters: Facing the Future, American University Museum, Washington D.C. Women of a Certain Age and Beyond, Gallery of Contemporary Art, Sacred Heart University, Fairfield, Connecticut

Collage: The Unmonumental Picture, The New Museum of Contemporary Art, New York, New York

2007

2007 Collectors Show, Arkansas Arts Center, Little Rock, Arkansas

Multiplex: Directions in Art 1970 to Now, Museum of Modern Art, New York, New York Going Staying: Movement, Body, Space in Contemporary Art, Kunstmuseum Bonn, Bonn, Germany

MACBA at Frankfurter Kunstverein: A Selection of Works from the Museu d'art Contemporani de Barcelona, Frankfurter Kunstverein, Frankfurt am Main, Germany Two Years, Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, New York

After the Revolution: Women Who Transformed Contemporary Art, Dorsky Gallery, Long Island City, New York

Kiss Kiss Bang Bang. 45 Years of Art and Feminism, Bilbao Fine Arts Museum, Bilbao, Spain

New Hangings of the Modern Collection, Musée National d'art Moderne Centre Georges Pompidou, Paris, France

Think with the Senses – Feel with the Mind. Art in the Present Tense, 52nd International Art Exhibition, Venice Biennale, Venice, Italy

WACK! Art and the Feminist Revolution, Geffen Center, Museum of Contemporary Art, Los Angeles, CA. Traveled through 2008 to National Museum of Women in the Arts, Washington, D.C.; Vancouver Art Gallery, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada; P.S.1 Contemporary Art Center, Long Island City, New York

2006

Couples Discourse, Palmer Museum of Art, University Park, Pennsylvania femme brut€, Lyman Allyn Art Museum, New London, Connecticut Twice Drawn, Tang Teaching Museum and Art Gallery, Saratoga Springs, New York Exhibition of Work by Newly Elected Members and Recipients of Honors and Awards, American Academy of Arts and Letters, New York, New York Art in Chicago: Resisting Regionalism Transforming Modernism, Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

2005

Drawn to Cleveland, Museum of Contemporary Art, Cleveland, Ohio How American Women Artists Invented Postmodernism: 1970-1975, Mason Gross School of the Arts Galleries, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, New Jersey Persistent Vestiges: Drawing from the American-Vietnam War, Drawing Center, New York, New York

2004

Esprit, Galerie Nathalie Obadia, Paris, France

2003

Gloria: Another Look at Feminist Art of the 1970s, White Columns, New York, New

York

Sanctuary, Glasgow Gallery of Modern Art, Glasgow, Scotland

2002

Goddess, Galerie Lelong, New York, New York

Markers II, EAM Gallery, Kassel, Germany

The Empire Strikes Back, The ATM Gallery, New York, New York

Walkways, Portland Institute of Contemporary Art, Portland, Oregon

2001

ARS 01, Museum of Contemporary Art Kiasma, Helsinki, Finland

Markers, Outdoor Banner Project, Venice Biennale, organized by International Artists Museum, Lodz, Poland

Reconfiguration: Works on Paper at the Yanhuang Museum, Yanhuang Museum, Beijing, China

2000

Chicago Loop: Imagist Art 1949-1979, Whitney Museum of American Art, Stamford, Connecticut

Kwangju Biennale 2000, Art and Human Rights Section, Kwangju, South Korea Let's Talk About Sex, Kunsthous Dresden, Dresden, Germany

Open Ends: Contemporary Art from 1960 - 2001, The Museum of Modern Art, New York, New York

The Figure: Another Side of Modernism, Newhouse Center for Contemporary Art, Snug Harbor Cultural Center, Staten Island, New York

The Perpetual Well: Contemporary Art from the Collection of the Jewish Museum, Samuel P. Harn Museum of Art, University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida

1999

The American Century, Art and Culture, Part II 1950-2000, The Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, New York

1998

International Biennale of Cairo, Cairo, Egypt

Matrix/Berkeley: 20 Years, The University of California, Berkeley Art Museum, Berkeley. California

Presence of Greek Myth, Instituto di Storia dell'Arte, Palermo, Italy

1997

Documenta X, Kassel, Germany

Art in Chicago 1945-1995, Museum of Contemporary Art, Chicago, Illinois

1996

Consensus & Conflict: The Flag in American Art, Whitney Museum of American Art at Champion, Stamford, Connecticut

Deformations: Aspects of the Modern Grotesque, The Museum of Modern Art, New York, New York

Inside the Visible: Alternative Views of 20th Century Art Through Women's Eyes, Institute of Contemporary Art, Boston, Massachusetts. Traveled through 1997 to National Museum for Women in the Arts, Washington D.C.; Whitechapel Galley,

London, England; Art Gallery of Western Australia, Perth, Australia

Stones & Voices, Stiftung für Konkrete Kunst, Revtlungen, Germany

Thinking Print: Books to Billboards, 1980-95, The Museum of Modern Art, New York,

1995

21: International Biennial of Graphic Art, Modern Gallery, Ljubljana, Slovenia After Auschwitz: responses to the Holocaust in Contemporary Art, Royal Festival Hall, London, England; Traveled to Manchester City Art Gallery, Manchester, England; Ikon Gallery, Birmington, England; Edinburgh City Art Centre, Edinburgh, Scotland;

Northern Centre for Contemporary Art, Sunderland, England

After Hiroshima - Message form Contemporary Art, Hiroshima City Museum of Contemporary Art, Hiroshima, Japan

Civil Rights Now, Southeastern Center for Contemporary Art, Winston-Salem, North Carolina

Feminine-Masculine: the Sex of Art, Musée National d'art Moderne, Centre Georges Pompidou, Paris, France

International Drawing Triennale in Warsaw: Art as Thought, Art as Energy, Museum of Architecture, Warsaw, Poland

Risarcimento: Artisti Contemporanei per gli Uffizi, Uffizi Gallery, Florence, Italy The Human Figure, A Modern Vision, The Museum of Modern Art, New York, New York

1994

Cloaca Maxima, Museum der Stadtentwässerung, Zurich, Switzerland Dialogue with the Other, Kunsthallen Brandts Klædefabrik, Denmark; Traveled to Norrköings Konstmuseum, Norway

IK + Deander, Dignity for all: Reflections on Humanity, Stichting Artimo, Beurs van Berlage, Amsterdam

1993

43rd Biennial Exhibition of Contemporary American Painting, The Corcoran Gallery of Art, Washington, D.C.

1920: The Subtlety of Subversion, The Continuity of Intervention, Exit Art, New York, New YorkComing to Power: 25 Years of Sexually X-Plicit Art By Women, David Zwirner Gallery, New

York, New York

Extravagant: The Economy of Elegance, Russisches Kulturzentrum, Berlin, Germany From the Inside Out: Eight Contemporary Artists The Jewish Museum, New York, New York

Gone Beyond Gone: Nancy Spero & Abe Frajndlich in Collaboration -The Photographer Finds his Subject, Thread Waxing Space, New York, New York Hotel Carlton Palace Chambre 763, Hotel Carlton Palace, Paris, France The Subject of Rape, Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, New York Viande Mystique, Galerie Optica, Montreal, Quebec, Canada Waging War, Waging Peace, Ohio Wesleyan University, Delaware, Ohio Whitney Biennial, Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, New York

1992

3 Filme - 3 Räume, Barbara Gross Galerie, Munich, Germany

Allegories of Modernism: Contemporary Drawing, Museum of Modern Art, New York, New York

Americas, Andalusian Pavillion, Expo '92, Monasterio de Santa Clara, Moguer, Huelva, Spain

Beyond Glory, The Maryland Institute College of Art, Baltimore, Maryland From America's Studio: Drawing New Conclusions, The School of the Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois

Informationdienst, Ausstellungsraum Künstlerhaus, Stuttgart, Germany International Drawing Triennale, Museum of Architecture, Warsaw, Poland

1991

AIDS Timeline, Group Material at the Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, New York

Artae, Circulo Degli Artisti, Rome, Italy

Beyond the Frame, American Art 1960-1990, Setagaya Art Museum, Tokyo, Japan Buchstäblich, Bild und Wort in der Kunst Heute, Von der Heydt-Museum, Wuppertal, Germany Détente, Dum Umení Mesta Brna, Brünn, Czechoslowakia. Traveled to Mudima Foundation, Milan, Italy; Kiscelli Museum, Budapest, Hungary; Kunsthalle Zacheta, Warsaw, Poland; Moderna Galerija, Ljubljana, Slovenia; Museum Moderner Kunst, Vienna, Austria

Devil On The Stairs: Looking Back on the Eighties, Institute of Contemporary Art, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Traveled to Newport Harbor Art Museum, Newport Beach, California

El Sueño De Egipto: La Influencia del Arte Egipcio en el Arte Contemporaneo, El Centro Cultural/Arte Contemporáneo, A.C., Polanco, Mexico Inheritance and Transformation, Irish Museum of Modern Art, Dublin Josh Baer Gallery, New York

1990

A New Necessity, First Tyne International Exhibition of Contemporary Art, Laing Art Gallery, Newcastle, England

Amnesty International Benefit, Blum Helman Gallery, New York, New York Four Cities Project, Well Woman Centre & Westland/Blucher Street Junction, Derry, Northern Ireland

Goya to Beijing, Centre International d'Art Contemporain, Montreal, Quebec, Canada Light Spirit Dream, Terrain Gallery, San Francisco, California Selected Works from the Avant Garde, Kent Fine Art, New York, New York The Decade Show, Museum of Contemporary Hispanic Art, New York, New York Um 1968 Konkrete Utopien in Kunst und Gessenschaft, Stadtische Kunsthalle,

1989

Dusseldorf, Germany

Anti-Utopia, Vol 1 No. 3, Bullet Space, New York, New York

Dia de los Muertos II: Los Angelitos, Alternative Museum, New York, New York Making Their Mark: Women Artists Move into the Mainstream, 1970-1985, Cincinnati Art Museum, Cincinnati, Ohio. Traveled to New Orleans Museum of Art, New Orleans, Louisiana; Denver Art Museum, Denver, Colorado; Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Symbolism, Arthur J Houghton Jr. Gallery, Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science and Art, New York, New York

Taboo, Greg Kucera Gallery, Seattle, Washington

The Center Show, Lesbian and Gay Community Center, New York, New York The Helms' Degenerate Art Show: The Next Installment, Black and White in Color Gallery, New York, New York

Visualizations on Paper: Drawing as a Primary Medium, Germans van Eck, New York, New York

Prospect '89, Frankfurt Kunstverein and Schirn Kunsthalle, Frankfurt, Germany

1988

ALIVE/SURVIVE: Amerikanische Kunst in K3, Kampnagelgelände, Hamburg, Germany

Committed to Print: Social and Political Themes in Recent American Printed Art, The Museum of Modern Art, New York, New York

Constitution, Group Material, Temple University Gallery, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania Een Keuze/A Choice, Kunst RAI, Amsterdam, The Netherlands

just like a woman, Greenville County Museum of Art, Greenville, South Carolina

Representing Vietnam 1965-1973, The Antiwar Movement in America, The Bertha and Karl Leubsdorf Art Gallery, Hunter College, New York, New York

The Social Club, Exit Art, New York, New York

Waterworks, presented by Visual Arts Ontario, The Filter Gallery and RC Harris Water Filtration Plant, Toronto, Ontario, Canada

1987

Constitution, Temple University Art Gallery, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania Concrete Crisis: Urban Images of the `80s, PADD in association with Exit Art, New York, New York

Reconstruction Project, Galerie Powerhouse, Montreal, Quebec, Canada Some Like It Hot, Washington Project for the Arts, Washington, D.C. Stations, Centre International D'Art Contemporain de Montréal, Montreal, Canada The Castle, Group Material, Documenta 8, Kassel, Germany Tragic and Timeless Today: Contemporary Historic Painting, Gallery 400, The University of Illinois at Chicago, Chicago, Illinois

1986

Image War, Artist's Call Against US Intervention in Central America, Center for Idea Art, Denver, Colorado

Memento Mori, Centro Cultural/Arte Contemporaneo, Mexico City, Mexico The Biennial of Sydney, Sydney, Australia

1985

Art in the Anchorage, Creative Time, Brooklyn, New York

1983

The End of the World: Contemporary Visions of the Apocalypse, The New Museum of Contemporary Art, New York, New York

1982

/Luchar/ An Exhibition for the People of Central America, sponsored by Group Material, Taller Latino Americano, New York, New York

1981

Crimes of Compassion, Chrysler Museum, Norfolk, Virginia

1980

Issue--Social Strategies by Women Artists, Institute for Contemporary Art, London, England

1979

Feministische Kunst, Internationaal Haags Gemeentemuseum, The Hague, The Netherlands; Traveled throughout Holland

1977

What is Feminist Art? The Woman's Building, Los Angeles, California Words at Liberty, Museum of Contemporary Art, Chicago, Illinois

1976

Invitational Drawing Show, 55 Mercer Street, New York

Visions: Distinguished Alumni 1945 to the Present, School of the Art Institute of

Chicago, Chicago, Illinois

Women's Work, Millerville State College, Pennsylvania

Drawing Now: 10 Artists, curated by Corinne Robins, Soho Center for Visual Arts, New

York

AIR Gallery Exhibition, Broward Community College, Florida

Decade of American Political Posters 1965-75, Westbeth Gallery, New York

1975

Six AIR Members, Windham College, Vermont

1974

AIR Exhibition, Smith College, Massachusetts
In Her Own Image, Philadelphia Museum of Art
Conceptual Art, Women's Interart Center, New York
Six New York Women Artists, Bienville Gallery, New Orleans, Louisiana
New York Institute of Technology. Old Westbury. New York

1973

Women Choose Women, New York Cultural Center, New York, New York

1971

Collage of Indignation II, New York Cultural Center, New York, New York

1970

Flag Show, Judson Memorial Church, New York, New York

1964

Huit Americains de Paris, American Cultural Center, Paris, France

1950

Salon des Independents, Paris

AWARDS

2009

Herbert Boeckl Prize, Salzburg, Austria

2008

Barcelona's Best Art Show of 2008, Barcelona, Spain

2007

Visual AIDS Vanguard Award, Visual AIDS, New York, New York

2006

Inducted as Member of American Academy of Arts

2005

Distinguished Artist Award for Lifetime Achievement, College Art Association, New

York, New York

2003

Honor Award for Outstanding Achievement in the Visual Arts, Women's Caucus for Art, New York, New York

2001

Honorary Doctorate of Fine Art, Williams College, Williamstown, Massachusetts Spring Benefit Honoree, Artists Space, New York, New York

1997

29th Annual Award, Cityarts, New York, New York (with Leon Golub)

1996

Hiroshima Art Prize, Hiroshima, Japan (with Leon Golub)

The Printmaker Emerita Award, West Virginia University, Morgantown, West Virginia

1995

Skowhegan Medal for Works on Paper, Skowhegan, Maine NARAL/ New York Pro-Choice Media Award

1991

Honorary Doctorate of Fine Arts, The School of the Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois

1977

Grant, National Endowment for the Arts

1976

CAPS Fellowship, New York State Council on the Arts

MONOGRAPHS

Sheets, Hilarie M. Nancy Spero – From Victimage to Liberation: Works from the 1980s & 1990s. Milan: Edizioni Charta and Galerie Lelong. 2013

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Roel Arkesteijn, Amstel: Roma Publications & de Appel Arts Centre, 2008

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Other Worlds: The Art of Nancy Spero and Kiki Smith, edited by Jon Bird, London:

BALTIC and Reaktion Books, 2003

Nancy Spero: A Continuous Present, edited by Dirk Luckow and Ingeborg Kahler, Kiel,

Germany: Kunsthalle zu Kiel, 2002

Nancy Spero, London: Phaidon Press Limited, 1996

Nancy Spero: Woman Breathing, Ostfildern, Germany: Ulmer Museum, 1992

Rebirth of Venus, Kyoto Shoin: Edit deAk, 1989

FILMS AND TELEVISION

Our City Dreams, produced and directed by Chiara Clemente: Di San Luca Films, 2008 Art 21: Art in the Twenty-First Century, Season 4, Episode 2: Protest, PBS, premiered November 4, 2007

PERMANENT INSTALLATIONS

Artemis, Acrobats, Divas, and Dancers, Arts for Transit, 66th Street / Lincoln Center Subway Station, New York, New York Heeresspital, Innsbruck, Austria Installation der Erinnerung, The Jewish Museum, Vienna, Austria Premiere, Ronacher Theatre, Vienna, Austria To Soar III, Harold Washington Library Center, Chicago, Illinois

SELECTED MUSEUM COLLECTIONS

Akron Art Museum, Akron, Ohio

Arkansas Arts Center, Little Rock, Arkansas

Art Gallery of Ontario, Toronto, Ontario, Canada

Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois

Berkeley Art Museum, Berkeley, California

Brooklyn Museum, Brooklyn, New York

Centro Cultural, Mexico City, Mexico

Cleveland Museum of Art, Cleveland, Ohio

Corcoran Gallery of Art, Washington, D.C.

The Detroit Institute of Arts. Detroit, Michigan

Frac Nord Pas de Calais, France

Greenville County Museum of Art, Greenville, South Carolina

Harvard University Art Museums, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts

Hiroshima City Museum of Contemporary Art, Hiroshima, Japan

The Jewish Museum, New York, New York

Kunstmuseum, Düsseldorf, Germany

Los Angeles County Museum of Art, Los Angeles, California

Madison Art Center, Madison, Wisconsin

Mendel Art Gallery, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada

MIT List Visual Arts Center, Cambridge, Massachusetts

Musée des Beaux-Arts de Montreal, Montreal, Quebec, Canada

Musée National d'art Moderne Centre Georges Pompidou, Paris, France

Museo de Arte Latinoamericano de Buenos Aires, Buenos Aires, Argentina

Museo Nacional Centro de Arte Reina Sofia, Madrid, Spain

Museum of Art and Archaeology, University of Missouri, Columbia, Missouri

Museum of Contemporary Art, San Diego, California

Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, Massachusetts

Museum of Fine Arts, Hanoi, North Vietnam

Museum of Modern Art, New York, New York

National Gallery of Art, Washington, D.C.

National Gallery of Australia, Canberra, Australia

National Gallery of Canada, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada

New Britain Museum of American Art, New Britain, Connecticut

New School for Social Research, New York, New York

Oberlin College, Oberlin, Ohio

Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio

Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Philadelphia Museum of Art, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Portland Art Museum, Portland, Oregon

Radford University Art Museum, Radford, Virginia

Ramapo College, Mahwah, New Jersey

Smithsonian American Art Museum, Washington, DC

Tate Gallery, London, England

Toledo Museum of Art, Toledo, Ohio

Uffizi Gallery, Florence, Italy

Ulmer Museum, Ulm, Germany

University Art Museum, Berkeley, California

Vancouver Art Gallery, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada

Wakefield City Art Gallery, Yorkshire, England

Weatherspoon Art Museum, University of North Carolina, Greensboro, North Carolina

Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, New York

William Benton Museum of Art, Storrs, Connecticut

Williams College Museum of Art, Williamstown, Massachusetts

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