Artists Space

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35 ARTISTS RETURN TO ARTISTS SPACE:
A BENEFIT EXHIBITION
December 4-24, 1981
Opening Reception: Friday, December 4, 5-7 pm
Preview Party: Thursday, December 3, 6-11 pm. $20 Admission.
Reservations required.

ARTISTS SPACE is proud to present an important exhibition of work by artists who have shown at Artists Space since its founding in 1973. The exhibition has been organized with the cooperation of 15 prominent contemporary art galleries in New York, and includes the work of 35 artists. Works in the exhibition are for sale and a contribution will be made to Artists Space for each work sold.

At a time when many visual arts organizations are facing a difficult future, Artists Space is turning to the many talented artists who have shown in its galleries. These artists, who all showed at Artists Space at an early and often critical stage in their careers, are now represented by some of the most important contemporary galleries.

Unlike most benefit exhibitions, neither the artists, nor the dealers have been asked for a donation of a work of art. As a result, this exhibition will include major works of art by 35 of the most innovative and influential artists at work today. This exhibition provides a revealing look not only at Artists Space's history and its role in discovering talented artists, but also an insightful statement of new directions in contemporary art. By presenting a quality selection of younger artists' work, the show will reflect a generation of artists whose work has matured in the 70's and is now having a significant impact on the art market.

The exhibition will consist of important works in a broad range of mediums: paintings, sculpture, photographs and works on paper. Included are major works by such well known artists as: Jon BOROFSKY, Scott BURTON, Jack GOLDSTEIN, Don GUMMER, Robert LONGO, Ree MORTON, Judy PFANNER, David SALER, Charles SIMONDS, Cindy SHERMAN and Donald SULTAN. (See complete list.)

Prices of works of art in the exhibition have been agreed on with the artist and dealer, and will reflect their current market value. A specific percentage of each sale price has been designated as a donation to Artists Space. When a work is sold, Artists Space will receive a contribution and the artist and dealer will receive their portion of the purchase price.

This exhibition marks the first time Artists Space has turned to artists for support; their enthusiasm and generosity is deeply appreciated. Equally, Artists Space is grateful to the Sponsor galleries for their support in making this exhibition possible. The participation of artists, dealers and buyers in this collaborative effort to support Artists Space reflects not only their recognition of Artists Space's past record of services.

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