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Robert Rauschenberg, Platter, from the "Airport" Series, 1974. Color relief and intaglio on fabric. Published by Graphicstudio, Collection of University of South Florida.

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The USF Contemporary Art Museum presents an exhibition of selected works by Robert Rauschenberg in celebration of his many contributions to contemporary art and his special significance to the University of South Florida.

Robert Rauschenberg (1925-2008) became one of the world's most renowned painters in the 1950s and 1960s, helping create the transition from European modernism to American pop art. The founding director of Graphicstudio, Dr. Donald J. Saff, recruited Rauschenberg to work at Graphicstudio in the early 1970s. The unique collaboration pairing artists with artisans experienced in all aspects of printmaking, with students in a University setting, became Graphicstudio, an experiment in art and education. From 1972 through 1987, Rauschenberg created over 30 editions of prints, sculptures and photographs at USF and helped to establish Graphicstudio's international prestige. In this process, he collaborated with [then] Art Department faculty members Oscar Bailey, Alan Eaker and printers Paul Clinton and Charles Ringness. Famously generous, Rauschenberg also made significant contributions to the University collection. CAM currently holds over 175 of his prints and sculpture multiples. In recognition of his contributions to the arts and to the University community, Rauschenberg received an honorary Doctor of Fine Arts degree from USF in 1976.

Rauschenberg's work at USF reflects the diversity of his practice across media while also providing an overview of his artistic concerns. The exhibition *Robert Rauschenberg: USF* includes prints from the *Made in Tampa, Airport* and *Crops* suites, editions from the *Tampa Clay Series*, photographs from the series *Studies for Chinese Summerhall* and several sculpture multiples produced as part of the Rauschenberg Overseas Cultural Interchange (R.O.C.I). Although production at Graphicstudio forms the basis for this exhibition, other work from the USF Collection in addition to several key pieces on loan from Tampa Bay area collectors help inform our understanding of Robert Rauschenberg's artistic legacy.

Checklist

Araucan Mastaba (Chile)
1986
mixed media sculpture
22 1/2 x 22 x 22 in
Published by Graphicstudio
Collection of USF

Bamhue (Japan)
1987
mixed media sculpture
90 x 4 x 10 3/4 in
Published by Graphicstudio
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Boundless
1988
solvent transfer drawing on fabric; fabric, acrylic and pencil
42 x 33 1/4 in
Collection of John and Leslie Osterweil

Cactus, from the "Crops" suite 1973 silkscreen and solvent transfer 60 1/2 x 38 1/2 in Published by Graphicstudio Collection of USF

Canto #II from Dante Inferno Suite 1964 facsimile drawing 17 3/4 x 14 1/2 in

Canto #III from Dante Inferno Suite 1964 facsimile drawing

17 3/4 x 14 1/2 in Collection of USF

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Canto #IV from Dante Inferno Suite 1964 facsimile drawing 17 3/4 x 14 1/2 in Canto #V from Dante Inferno Suite 1964 facsimile drawing 17 3/4 x 14 1/2 in Collection of USF

Canto #VIII from Dante Inferno Suite 1964 facsimile drawing 17 3/4 x 14 1/2 in Collection of USF

Canto #IX from Danto Inferno Suite 1964 facsimile drawing 17 3/4 x 14 1/2 in Collection of USF

Canto #X from Danto Inferno Suite 1964 facsimile drawing 17 3/4 x 14 1/2 in Collection of USF

Canto #XVI from Dante Inferno Suite 1964 facsimile drawing 17 3/4 x 14 1/2 in Collection of USF

Canto #XVII from Dante Inferno Suite 1964 facsimile drawing 17 3/4 x 14 1/2 in Collection of USF

Canto #XXX from Dante Inferno Suite 1964 facsimile drawing 17 3/4 x 14 1/2 in Collection of USF

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Coconut, from the "Crops" Suite 1973 silkscreen and solvent transfer 60 1/2 x 38 1/2 in Published by Graphicstudio Collection of USF

Fifth-Force (Italy)
1986
mixed media sculpture
83 1/4 x 15 x 45 in
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Light, from 7 Characters Suite 1982 unique paper and fabric collage 30 1/2 x 27 3/4 in Collection of USF

Made in Tampa: Tampa 9 1972 three color lithograph 70 1/4 x 15 1/4 in Collection of USF

Made in Tampa: Tampa 10
1973
lithograph
34 1/2 x 118 1/4 x 1 1/2 in
Published by Graphicstudio
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Made in Tampa Clay Pieces:
Tampa Clay Piece 3
1972-3
clay with silkscreen decal, hand painted, fiberglass, scotch tape and epoxy
40 1/4 x 22 1/4 x 4 1/2 in
Published by Graphicstudio
Collection of USF

Made in Tampa Clay Pieces:
Tampa Clay Piece 4
1972-3
Clay, silkscreen lacquer and ceramic decals, hand painted
9 1/2 x 17 x 1 1/2 in
Published by Graphicstudio
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Made in Tampa Clay Pieces: Tampa Clay Piece 5 1972 19 1/2 x 24 x 5 1/2 in Published by Graphicstudio Collection of USF

Mangrove, from the "Crops" suite 1973 silkscreen and solvent transfer 60 1/2 x 38 1/2 in Published by Graphicstudio Collection of USF

Mark, Postscript to Dante's Inferno Suite 1964 lithograph 30 1/4 x 30 1/4 x 1 1/4 in Published by Graphicstudio Collection of USF

Patch
1976
dirt and resin casting
11 1/2 x 27 in
Collection of USF

Peanuts, from the "Crops" Suite 1973 silkscreen and solvent transfer 60 1/2 x 38 1/2 in Published by Graphicstudio Collection of USF

Pegasits/ROCI USA (Wax Fire Works)
1990
acrylic, fire wax and chair on stainless steal
72 3/4 x 96 3/4 x 17 1/2 in
Collection of Marcia Brown and Tom Pruitt

Platter, from the "Airport" Series 1974 color relief and intaglio on fabric 50 1/2 x 33 1/4 in Published by Graphicstudio Collection of USF

Rack, from the Stoned Moon Series 1969
black and white lithograph 30 x 24 1/2 in
Collection of Michelle Juristo

Room Service, from the "Airport" Series 1974
relief and intaglio print with collage 45 x 73 1/2 x 1 1/2 in
Published by Graphicstudio
Collection of USF

Selections from American Mix 1983 photogravue 26 x 22 in Collection of Rebecca and Deli Sacilotto

Selections from China Mix 1983 photogravue 26 x 22 in Collection of Rebecca and Deli Sacilotto

Sheephead, from the "Airport" Series 1974 relief and intaglio on fabric with collage 40 1/4 x 54 3/4 in Published by Graphicstudio Collection of USF

Signs
1970
screenprint
44 3/4 x 35 1/2 x 1 1/4 in
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Study for Chinese Summerhall (Bamboo) 1983 chromogenic print 40 1/4 x 36 1/4 in Published by Graphicstudio Collection of USF

Study for Chinese Summerhall (Bottles) 1983 chomogenic print 40 1/4 x 36 1/4 in Published by Graphicstudio Collection of USF

Study for Chinese Summerhall (Dogs and Wires) 1983
chromogenic print
40 1/4 x 36 1/4 in
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Study for Chinese Summerhall (Pink Window) 1983 chromogenic print 40 1/4 x 36 1/4 in Published by Graphicstudio Collection of USF

Study for Chinese Summerhall V 1982-3 chromogenic print 30 x 100 in Published by Graphicstudio Collection of USF

Tibetan Garden Song (China)
1986
mixed media sculpture
43 x 18 1/4 in diameter
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Watermelon, from the "Crops" Suite 1973 silkscreen and solvent transfer 60 1/2 x 38 1/2 in Published by Graphicstudio Collection of USF