Tom Wesselmann (1931 - 2004)

Tom Wesselmann is widely considered to be one of the leading American Pop artists, rejecting Abstract Expressionism in favour of representation. His work focuses on subjects such as the nude, still life and landscape using intense colour and flat forms. He studied at the Cooper Union School for Arts and Architecture in New York during the mid 1950s, dramatically shifting his attention from cartoons to painting. In 1961, he began his Great American Nude series which incorporated patriotic symbols such as stars and stripes with the great art historical image of the nude. Later on in his life, he explored the medium of metal making 'steel drawings' which redeveloped his themes of nude and composition.

SELECTED EXHIBITIONS

2018  Print Project Space: Pop Prints, Alan Cristea Gallery, London, UK
       Tom Wesselmann: La Promesse du Bonheur, Le Nouveau Musée National de Monaco (NMNM), Monaco, FR
2017  Tom Wesselmann – Telling It Like It Is, Vedovi Gallery, Brussels, BE
       Tom Wesselmann Collages 1959-1964, David Zwirner, London, UK
2014  Denver Art Museum, Denver, USA
       Cincinnati Art Museum, Ohio, USA
2013  Tom Wesselmann, Alan Cristea Gallery, London, UK
       Tom Wesselmann Retrospective, Virginia Museum of Fine Art, USA
2012  Tom Wesselmann Retrospective, Montreal Museum of Fine Art, Canada
2011  Tom Wesselmann Draws, The Kreeger Museum, Washington, USA
       Tom Wesselmann, Flowers, Galerie Klaus Benden, Cologne, Germany
       Tom Wesselmann, Plastic Works, Maxwell Davidson Gallery, New York, USA
2009  Journey into the Landscape, Galerie Thomas, Munich, Germany
2007  Tom Wesselmann: Drop-Out, Maxwell Davidson Gallery New York, USA
       Tom Wesselmann, The Columns Gallery, Seoul, Korea
2000  Tom Wesselmann, JGM Galerie Paris, France
1999  Tom Wesselmann: Small Survey: Small Scale, Maxwell Davidson Gallery, New York, USA
1998  Wetterling Gallery Stockholm, Sweden

SELECTED PUBLIC COLLECTIONS

DE  Museum Ludwig, Cologne
     Museum fur Moderne Kunst, Frankfurt am Main
     National Galerie, Berlin
FR  Musée d'Art et d'Industrie, St. Etienne
     Musée d'Art Moderne et d'Art Contemporain (MAMAC)
JA  Hara Museum of Contemporary Art, Tokyo
SP  Museo Thyssen-Bornemisza, Madrid
USA  Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, IL
       Cincinnati Art Museum, Cincinnati, OH
       Chrysler Museum, Norfolk, Virginia
       Dallas Museum of Fine Arts, Dallas, Texas
       Hirshhorn Museum & Sculpture, Washington DC
       MOMA, New York
       Philadelphia Museum of Art, Philadelphia
       Princeton University of Art, Princeton, New Jersey
       Smithsonian Museum of American Art, Washington DC
       Whitney Museum of American Art, New York