

Lucian Freud: Works on Paper

Exhibition 18 June- 24 July 1988

Admission Free

Lucian Freud's achievements as a draughtsman and a printmaker have been consistently overshadowed by his phenomenal success as one of the most popular living British painters. This exhibition is an attempt to redress this balance by highlighting Freud's works on paper not only in terms of their dialogue with his painting but also as fully-fledged works in their own right. The exhibition includes 33 prints and 50 drawings dating between 1940 and 1987.

The early works are distinguished by their tremendous nervous energy. Freud uses line and a stipple technique reminiscent of mechanical printing to create obsessive and highly detailed images such as *Man at night*, a self-portrait dating from the period 1947/8. No drawings were produced by Freud in the period 1954-61 in an attempt by the artist to evolve a less linear and rigorously controlled approach. His return to drawing shows a freer, more rhythmic approach to the modelling of form.

Portraiture has been the constant in Freud's work and indeed it is at the heart of this exhibition. Freud has consistently returned to the close scrutiny of himself, his family and friends in a series of moving and intimate studies which manage to be both tender and unswervingly unsentimental. "My work is purely autobiographical. It is about myself and my surroundings. It is an attempt at a record. I work from the people that interest me and that I care about, in rooms that I live in and know". The exhibition is complemented by a series of 25 early paintings, most of which have never before been exhibited.

Lucien Freud *Works on Paper* is a South Bank Centre touring exhibition. This will be its only Scottish venue. The exhibition will continue throughout 1988 and 1989 to galleries throughout Britain and America. A further selection of painting by Lucien Freud will be on show at The Scottish National Gallery of Modern Art from 2 July- 16 October.



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