

Anne Truitt

Threshold: Work from the 1970s

September 13 - October 26, 2013

522 W 22 Street

Opening, Thursday, September 12, 6:00 - 8:00 PM

Press Release

Matthew Marks is pleased to announce *Anne Truitt: Threshold*, the next exhibition in his gallery at 522 West 22nd Street. The exhibition includes seventeen sculptures, paintings, and drawings from the 1970s, many of which are exhibited for the first time in nearly forty years.

Six wood sculptures covered in bands of rich color are on view. In addition to Truitt's signature totemic columns, two horizontal works are included. Truitt's sculptures were created with a labor-intensive process involving many layers of hand-applied paint, each sanded to a fine finish. Anne M. Wagner writes of the exhibition's four white-on-white paintings from the *Arundel* series, "the elusive delicacy of their execution somehow creates the impression of a spatial expanse." In the other paintings, Truitt used wide brushes to sweep paint over large areas, sometimes in one long unbroken stroke. Drawing was a daily ritual for Truitt, and a selection of works on paper are being exhibited for the first time.

A fully illustrated hardcover book, with an essay by Anne M. Wagner and writings by Anne Truitt, will be published to accompany the exhibition.

Anne Truitt (1921–2004) was born in Baltimore and lived the majority of her life in Washington, D.C. Her first one-person exhibition was at the André Emmerich Gallery, New York, in February 1963. Her work has been the subject of one-person exhibitions at the Whitney Museum of American Art, New York (1973); the Corcoran Gallery of Art, Washington, D.C. (1974); and the Baltimore Museum of Art (1974 & 1992). In 2009 the Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden, Washington, D.C., organized a comprehensive survey of her work. The three volumes of the artist's journals, *Daybook* (1982), *Turn* (1987), and *Prospect* (1996), will be published together for the first time as an e-book in October, alongside a new print edition of *Daybook*. Audiobooks of all three journals will also be published in October.

Anne Truitt: Threshold will be on view at 522 West 22nd Street from September 13 through October 26, 2013, Tuesday through Saturday, from 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM.

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