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Louis I. Kahn: In the Park

October 11 - November 10, 2012

Lori Bookstein Fine Art is pleased to announce an exhibition of fine art by the architect Louis I. Kahn [1901-1974]. This show will consist of work with park-related themes and will coincide with the opening of the Four Freedoms Park on Franklin Delano Roosevelt Island on October 24, 2012. The Four Freedoms Park is New York City's first architectural structure by Louis I. Kahn. This is the third solo-show of Louis I. Kahn's work at Lori Bookstein Fine Art.

Louis I. Kahn was born in Estonia to Latvian parents, who immigrated to Philadelphia when he was five. At an early age, Kahn demonstrated an aptitude for drawing, and his eventual decision to pursue architecture at the University of Pennsylvania came at the cost of turning down a scholarship in fine art. At Penn, Kahn studied under the distinguished French architect Paul Philippe Cret, whose Beaux-Arts background was formative for Kahn. Although Kahn's eventual path would be towards a transcendent modernist vision, this early training, as well as his *métier* as artist, remained with him for life.

Louis I. Kahn: In the Park will bring together some fifteen works – drawings, watercolors and paintings – dating from the late twenties to the late fifties. Executed on his many travels around the world, the work documents parks, trees and other landscapes from at home and abroad including those from Philadelphia, the Adirondacks, the Borghese Gardens and Greece. Just as parks can best be described as intermediate zones that are both feral and domesticated, natural and manicured, so too did Louis I. Kahn maintain his dual identity as both artist and architect.

Architectural masterworks include the Salk Institute, La Jolla, CA, the Kimbell Art Museum, Ft. Worth, TX, and the National Parliament of Bangladesh, among others. Louis I. Kahn is represented in the collections of numerous international museums including Art Institute of Chicago, Deutsches Architektur Museum, Frankfurt, the Museum of Modern Art, New York, the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts, Middlebury College, Williams College Museum of Art, Yale University and the University of Pennsylvania. He has also been the subject of several museum exhibitions including, most recently, *Louis I. Kahn: The Power of Architecture*, which began at the Netherlands Architecture Institute (Sep 7, 2012 - Jan 6, 2013) and will travel to the Vitra Design Museum (Mar 9, 2013 - Aug 25, 2013) and the National Museum in Oslo (Oct 2013 - Jan 2014.)

Louis I. Kahn: In the Park will be on view from October 11 through November 10, 2012. An opening reception will be held on Thursday, October 11th from 6-8 pm. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 10:30 am to 6:00 pm. For additional information and/or visual materials, please contact the gallery at (212) 750-0949 or by email at info@loribooksteinfineart.com.

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