

Louise Bourgeois

Les Fleurs



I Am Still Growing!!! (#1)
2008

Etching, watercolor, gouache and pencil on paper
150.5 x 99.1 cm
“Courtesy of Kukje Gallery, Inc.,”

○ **Exhibition Information**

Artist: Louise Bourgeois (French, 1911-2010)

Exhibition Title: Les Fleurs

Duration: February 24 to March 31

Place: Kukje Gallery (K2), Floors 1 and 2 (Tel. 735-8449)

Times Open: Monday-Saturday: 10am-6pm, Sunday: 10am-5pm

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○ **Exhibition Introduction**

Kukje Gallery is pleased to present *Les Fleurs*, an exhibition of new drawings and sculptures by Louise Bourgeois. This is Bourgeois' fourth solo show at Kukje Gallery, her previous shows were held in 2002, 2005 and 2007. This landmark exhibition of all new work celebrates the artist's centennial birthday and showcases her remarkable and passionate talent.

One of the most distinguishing traits of Louise Bourgeois is that her art practice cannot be defined by a single framework. Her works have repeatedly pushed both formal and conceptual boundaries and she is well known for pursuing a unique and deeply personal vocabulary while engaging other schools such as Surrealism and Modernism. Having only gained recognition later in life, the artist is widely held as having played a vital role in the history of late twentieth century art.

A celebrated wit and dark social observer, Bourgeois' work ranges from her elegant drawings to abstract formalism and hand-sewn patchworks to dolls, monumental bronzes and room-sized installations. Among this diverse practice, the exhibition at Kukje Gallery focuses on Bourgeois' drawing

Louise Bourgeois takes drawings very seriously and her larger works are often informed by her many works on paper — a commitment the artist has maintained since childhood when she would help draw patterns for her family's textile company.

Bourgeois has continued to transcribe her emotions and memories on paper as if she was writing them in diary. She has observed that the repetition of drawing helps her to find peace of mind and a source of healing. In her previous work many of her drawings have focused on formal motifs and the repetition of lattice patterns, circles and parallel lines. More recently, the artist has begun drawing corporeal and psychological subjects such as nature, motherhood and women. It is these subjects that inform the newest exhibition at Kukje that showcases 29 drawings and 3 sculptures.

For the exhibition, Bourgeois has chosen the title *Les Fleurs* which speaks to her adoption of flower and women as symbols for vitality, desire and sexuality. Her drawings, painted in a bold red color, illustrate passion, blood and a feminist belief in the power of women.

Press Release

Born in Paris in 1911, Louise Bourgeois worked, often experimentally, with materials varying from plaster, latex, bronze and marble. Rediscovered in the 1970s, she is one of the most important living artists of the twenty first century. Bourgeois became the first female artist to hold a retrospective exhibition at MoMA in New York in 1982. Since then, she has exhibited widely internationally and was awarded the Lion d'Or at the 48th Venice Biennale in 1999. A retrospective of her work traveled internationally from 2007 to 2009.

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○ **Work Information**

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À Baudelaire 2, 2008

Etching, ink, watercolor, gouache and pencil on paper, Diptych
Left: 59 3/4 x 39 3/4 inches (151.8 x 101 cm), Right: 59 1/4 x 39 1/4 inches (150.4 x 99.6 cm)
“Courtesy of Kukje Gallery, Inc.”



Echo IV, 2007

Bronze, painted white, and steel
36 x 12 x 12 inches (91.4 x 30.5 x 30.5 cm)
Edition 4/6
“Courtesy of Kukje Gallery, Inc.”



Femme, 2008

Archival dye printed on fabric with glass beads
27 x 20 inches (68.5 x 50.8 cm)
Edition 6/9
“Courtesy of Kukje Gallery, Inc.”

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Mother and Child, 2007
Silkscreen on linen
76 1/2 x 44 1/2 inches (194.3 x 113 cm)
Edition 4/7
“Courtesy of Kukje Gallery, Inc.,”