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## **ROBERT GRAHAM AT MIXOGRAFIA® WORKSHOP 1988-1996**

The Remba Gallery is pleased to announce an exhibition of the work of renowned sculptor Robert Graham. Graham's copper bas reliefs of female figures will be shown alongside Mixografias® on paper which are the result of the artist's collaboration with the Mixografia® Workshop in Los Angeles. The reception for the artist will be on Thursday, September 19 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and the exhibition will continue until November 9, 1996.

Graham's work reflects the deep passion and will for life of both the artist and the forms he creates in each of the models that have been rendered. The figures are strong women, who exude emotion as well as display physical beauty. The sculptures take on a life of their own, as Graham has delicately rendered the essence of each model. The figure is not an anonymous entity in Graham's work, but one brewing with emotion and intensity.

The bas reliefs display the artist's commitment to the figure as a form in movement. The figures dance along the plain of the copper plate frozen momentarily into a position that exudes vitality. One is drawn to the fluidity of the figures in the works on paper as well. None of the figures are captured in a lifeless position. They all seem to be in motion.

In Graham's nudes, there is a purpose. None of these figures are without passion and a strong will, which is to say that they are far from being helpless. At first glance one may be compelled to slough them off as another exercise in Beaux Arts. A longer look reveals the complex structuring that puts these figures far beyond being a duplication of something that has existed before. Graham has achieved in giving us the essence of the form, the ultimate fabric between the artist, the model and the viewer.

The Remba Gallery is located at 462 North Robertson, West Hollywood, CA.

Gallery hours are Tuesdays through Saturdays 10:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and by appointment.