

**Sale Name:** Canadian & Abroad Fine Art Auction Nov. 22nd - Dec. 11th 2024

**LOT 75 - Claire Weissman (Wilkes) - Portrait Drawing**



**Artist Description** Claire Weissman (Wilks) (1938 – 2017 CAD) Born in 1938, Claire was a Toronto-based sculptor painter and lithographer best known for her depictions of women and sexuality. Her drawings are startling and controversial. She was Chief Visual Researcher for current affairs at the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, where she and her colleagues won numerous awards, including an Oscar and several Emmys. While her Lithuanian heritage was not an emphasis in her upbringing, Wilks feels that the connection to Eastern Europe has constantly affected her work, particularly the Second World War. Since 1982, she has exhibited sculptures, paintings, drawings, monoprints and lithographs in Stockholm, New York, Mexico City, Jerusalem, Zagreb, Rome and Venice. Several books devoted to her drawings have been published: most

recently, The Etty Drawings, a sequence of holocaust works based on the diaries of Etty Hillesum, a Dutch Jew who died in Auschwitz. Wilks' work has been collected by Samuel Beckett and Gloria Vanderbilt.

### Description

*Graphite Drawing*

Signed Lower Right

Sight - 13.5 ins x 19.5 ins (34.29 cm x 49.53 cm)

### Provenance:

Private Collection

**Quantity:** 1



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