

# Ronald Feldman Fine Arts

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## LEON GOLUB

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### **FEBRUARY 11 - MARCH 18**

Ronald Feldman Fine Arts will exhibit paintings and drawings by Leon Golub, one of America's leading postwar painters. Golub, who died in 2004, explored themes of power and vulnerability, experimenting with paint surfaces that matched the ferocity of his subject matter. The exhibition, the first since his death, features selected works from different periods that have contemporary relevance. Included are paintings from the *Gigantomachy*, *Combat*, and *Napalm* series of the '60s as well as some of his last and toughest works from this decade. The Feldman Gallery has also assembled many of the smaller paintings that Golub completed towards the end of his life, which have never been seen before in such a complete group. Alternately titled *This Could Be You* and *We Can Disappear You*, many of these paintings were included in his installation at *Documenta 11* in 2002.

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There is a complementary exhibition of Golub's work at GRIFFIN in Santa Monica, California from January 28 to March 11.

An activist, author, and teacher, Leon Golub was a member of the American Academy of Arts and Letters and a 1996 recipient of the Hiroshima Art Prize (jointly with Nancy Spero). Museum collections include the Whitney Museum of American Art; the Museum of Contemporary Art, Chicago; the Art Gallery of Western Australia, Perth; The Art Institute of Chicago; The Museum of Modern Art, New York; the Malmö Konsthall, Sweden; and the Staatliche Kunstsammlungen Dresden, Germany.

Two books about Golub's work were published in 2004: *Dog* (onestar press, Paris) with layout and design by Golub; and *Don't Tread on Me: Drawings from 1947-2004* (Ronald Feldman Fine Arts, Griffin Contemporary, and Anthony Reynolds Gallery, London). A second edition of *Leon Golub: Echoes of the Real* by Jon Bird (Reaktion Books, London) will be published in 2006.

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There will be a reception February 11 from 6:00 to 8:00. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 10:00 to 6:00. Monday by appointment. For information contact Sarah Paulson (212) 226-3232 or [sarah@feldmangallery.com](mailto:sarah@feldmangallery.com).