Chazans’ Choice: Gifts of Contemporary Art to the RISD Museum,  
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For more than twenty-five years, Helene and Joseph A. Chazan have been closely involved with the contemporary art scene in Rhode Island. The Chazans have filled their homes with furniture, paintings, prints, photographs, sculpture, ceramics, and glass. Most of these objects were created by artists who live and work here. The Chazans have developed not only a passion for art, but also a gift for forming relationships with artists, both of which have greatly enriched their lives.

Since 1985, the Chazans have donated more than 200 works of art to The RISD Museum. Their gifts to the permanent collection demonstrate exemplary commitment and generosity to this institution; to the artists whose works they have collected; and to the public, who can now experience the pleasure of viewing these objects. This exhibition highlights some 50 pieces created by 33 artists and spans several decades of artistic activity.

Helene and Joe Chazan understand how art and artists contribute profoundly to the quality of life in a community. It is our hope that the Chazans’ enthusiasm for contemporary art and design and their engagement and support of the regional arts community will inspire the current generation of Southern New Englanders and those to come.

All artworks are gifts of Dr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Chazan, unless otherwise noted.

CHECKLIST OF THE EXHIBITION

Dale Chihuly, American, b. 1941, (RISD MFA 1968, Ceramics)  
Three-Piece Shell Grouping, 1983  
Blown glass  
Gift of Dr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Chazan 1986.027.1
Richard Marquis, American, b. 1945  
*Teapot*, 1980  
Blown glass  
Gift of Dr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Chazan  1987.101

Andrea Gill, American, b. 1948  
*Vase*, 1984  
Glazed earthenware  
Gift of Dr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Chazan  1987.102

Bennett Bean, American, b. 1941  
*Vessel*, ca. 1985  
Earthenware with paint and gold leaf  
Gift of Dr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Chazan for the Chazan Family Collection of Contemporary Crafts  1988.043.1
Jay Musler, American, b. 1949
*Boat*, 1984
Glass and paint
Gift of Dr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Chazan for the Chazan Family Collection of Contemporary Crafts  1988.043.2

Howard Ben Tré, American, b. 1949, (RISD MFA 1980)
*Mantled Figure*, 1993
Cast glass, bronze powder, and steel
Gift of Dr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Chazan  1994.085

Umberto Crenca, American, b. 1950
*Corvus Colossus*, 1996
Acrylic and oil on plywood
Gift of Dr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Chazan  1996.27.1

Jonathan Bonner, American, b. 1947, (RISD MFA 1973, Sculpture; RISD Faculty 2000- present, Foundation Studies)
*Cones 21*, 1992
Copper
Gift of Dr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Chazan  1996.65.1
Jonathan Bonner, American, b. 1947, (RISD MFA 1973, Sculpture; RISD Faculty 2000-present, Foundation Studies)
*Double Spiral #2*, 1993  
Stainless-steel wire mounted on board  
Gift of Dr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Chazan  1996.65.2

Aaron Siskind, American, 1903-1991, (RISD Faculty 1971-1976, Photography)  
Platinum print  
Gift of Dr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Chazan  1996.92.4

Aaron Siskind, American, 1903-1991, (RISD Faculty 1971-1976, Photography)  
Platinum print  
Gift of Dr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Chazan  1996.92.5
Aaron Siskind, American, 1903-1991, (RISD Faculty 1971-1976, Photography)
Platinum print
Gift of Dr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Chazan 1996.92.6

Joseph E. Norman, American, b. 1957, (RISD Faculty, Foundation Drawing)
*Untitled*, from the portfolio *Out at Home! The Negro Baseball League*, 1999
Lithograph on wove Rives BFK paper
Gift of Dr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Chazan 1999.73.2.10

Joseph E. Norman, American, b. 1957, (RISD Faculty, Foundation Drawing)
*Untitled*, from the portfolio *Out at Home! The Negro Baseball League*, 1999
Lithograph on wove Rives BFK paper
Gift of Dr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Chazan 1999.73.2.3
Timothy S. Philbrick, American, b. 1952
*Asymmetrical Table*, 1998
Cuban mahogany
Gift of Dr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Chazan  1999.87.1

Aaron Siskind, American, 1903-1991, (RISD Faculty 1971-1976, Photography)
*New York*, 1951 (printed ca. 1980)
Gelatin silver print
Gift of Dr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Chazan  1999.87.2.4

Aaron Siskind, American, 1903-1991, (RISD Faculty 1971-1976, Photography)
*New York 2*, 1951 (printed ca. 1980)
Gelatin silver print
Gift of Dr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Chazan  1999.87.2.5
McDonald Wright, American, b. 1955, (RISD BFA 1996, Photography)
Street Scene III, 1997
Selenium-toned gelatin silver print
Gift of Dr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Chazan  1999.87.4

Jacqueline Ott, American, b. 1948, (RISD MFA 1973, Sculpture; Former RISD Faculty)
Oh! 26A, 2000
Acrylic paint on acrylic panel
Gift of Dr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Chazan  2001.39.1

Salvatore Mancini, American, b.1947
Barden Dam, Scituate, Nature to Profit: The Transformation of the Blackstone River Valley, 1994
Gelatin silver print
Gift of Dr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Chazan  2001.39.13

Salvatore Mancini, American, b.1947
Ladd School, from the series Days of Darkness, Days of Hope: The Deinstitutionalization of the Institute for Mental Health and the Ladd School, 1984
Gelatin silver print
Gift of Dr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Chazan  2001.39.20
Salvatore Mancini, American, b. 1947
*Ladd School, Days of Darkness, Days of Hope: The Deinstitutionalization of the Institute for Mental Health and the Ladd School, 1984*
Gelatin silver print
Gift of Dr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Chazan  2001.39.24

Joseph E. Norman, American, b. 1957, (RISD Faculty, Foundation Drawing)
*Willow XIX, from the series Autumn Onyx, Tiergarten Variations, 2001*
Charcoal on paper
Gift of Dr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Chazan  2001.39.44

Salvatore Mancini, American, b. 1947
*Slater Mill, Pawtucket, from the series Nature to Profit: The Transformation of the Blackstone River Valley, 1994*
Gelatin silver print
Gift of Dr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Chazan  2001.39.8
Robert Dilworth, American, b. 1951, (RISD BFA 1973, Painting)
Complications Would Arise, 1998
Acrylic on canvas, wallpaper on wood
Gift of Dr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Chazan  2001.82.1

Denny Moers, American, b. 1953
Folk Dwelling, Poland, 1999
Gelatin silver print, selectively fogged and toned
Gift of Dr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Chazan  2001.82.3

Denny Moers, American, b. 1953
Condemned and Abandoned, circa 1940, Poland, 1999
Gelatin silver print, selectively fogged and toned
Gift of Dr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Chazan  2001.82.6
Kenn Speiser, American, b.1946
*Zipper Box*, 1997
Zippers, thread, gimp nails, micaceous iron oxide (acrylic paint), wood, piano hinge
Gift of Dr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Chazan  2002.115.2

Ann Fessler, American, b. 1949, (RISD Faculty, Photography)
*Untitled*, from the portfolio *First Aid*, 1987
Color screenprint on paper
Gift of Dr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Chazan  2002.115.3.1

Ann Fessler, American, b. 1949, (RISD Faculty, Photography)
*Untitled*, from the portfolio *First Aid*, 1987
Color screenprint on paper
Gift of Dr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Chazan  2002.115.3.2
Ann Fessler, American, b. 1949, (RISD Faculty, Photography)
*Untitled*, from the portfolio *First Aid*, 1987
Color screenprint on paper
Gift of Dr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Chazan  2002.115.3.3

Later he met a man who said he was right.

and they went off together.

June is still sensitive.
Ann Fessler, American, b. 1949, (RISD Faculty, Photography)
*Untitled*, from the portfolio *First Aid*, 1987
Color screenprint on paper
Gift of Dr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Chazan  2002.115.3.6

Jungil Hong, American, b.1976, (RISD BFA 1999, Ceramics; RISD MFA 2015, Textiles)
*Baby leg* *Meat leg*, from the portfolio *Promassive*, 2002
Color screenprint on paper
Gift of Dr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Chazan  2002.62.12
Allison Kyner, American, b. 1977, (RISD BFA 1991, Printmaking)
Sweeter Beauty, from the portfolio Promassive, 2002
Etching on paper
Gift of Dr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Chazan  2002.62.14

Xander Marro, American, b. 1973
Sell or Die, from the portfolio Promassive, 2002
Color screenprint on paper
Gift of Dr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Chazan  2002.62.17

Andrew Moon Bain, American, b. 1974, (RISD BFA 1998, Sculpture)
Les Sirenes Noires, from the portfolio Promassive, 2002
Color screenprint on paper
Gift of Dr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Chazan  2002.62.2
3rd Annual Rogga Bogga, from the portfolio Promasive, 2002
Color screenprint on paper
Gift of Dr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Chazan  2002.62.22

Toots Zynsky, American, b. 1951, (RISD BFA 1973; RISD Faculty)
Lucente, 2001
Thermo-formed glass threads
Gift of Dr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Chazan  2002.79

Judyth vanAmringe, American, b. 1945
Nest II, 2000
Glazed stoneware
Gift of Dr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Chazan  2002.94

Journey to the Tourney, 1999-2000
16 color screenprints on newsprint
Gift of Dr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Chazan  2003.100.2
Ruth Dealy, American, b.1947, (RISD BFA 1971, Painting; RISD MFA 1973, Painting)
*Regent Place Park #3*, 2002
Acrylic on canvas
Gift of Dr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Chazan  2003.88

Walter Feldman, American, b. 1925
Sara Rosenbaum
*Quiet Words*, 1992
Artist’s book with color woodcuts and letterpress on paper; poems by Sara Rosenbaum
Gift of Dr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Chazan  2003.99.1A

Walter Feldman, American, b. 1925
*Lager Lieder*, 1991
Artist's book with woodcut and letterpress on antique (1930s) ledger paper
Gift of Dr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Chazan  2003.99.2

*Golden Continuum*, 1985
Glass, Plexiglas, copper, gold
Gift of Dr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Chazan  2004.103
James F. Watkins, American, b.1955, (RISD 1981, Sculpture)
*Still-Life*, 1984
Cast glass
Gift of Dr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Chazan  2004.75

Elizabeth Pannell, American, b.1956, (RISD 1981, Glass)
"Flippers" *Bowl*, 1991
Blown glass
Gift of Dr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Chazan  2004.76

Gilbert A. Franklin, American, 1919-2004
*Maquette for Public Sculpture*, 1994
Bronze on marble base
Gift of Dr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Chazan  2004.95
Annu Palakunnathu Matthew, American, b. 1964
Primitive Dress, from the portfolio An Indian from India (vol. 1), 2001
Inkjet print
Gift of Dr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Chazan, by exchange  2009.58.10

Annu Palakunnathu Matthew, American, b. 1964
War Paint, from the portfolio An Indian from India (vol. 1), 2001
Inkjet print
Gift of Dr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Chazan, by exchange  2009.58.4

Howard Ben Tré, American, b. 1949, (RISD MFA 1980)
Two Benches, 1985
Cast glass, patinated copper
Gift of Dr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Chazan  85.144.1

Howard Ben Tré, American, b. 1949, (RISD MFA 1980)
Two Benches, 1985
Cast glass, patinated copper
Gift of Dr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Chazan  85.144.2