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The Greenwich Arts Council presents
**Selective Space: An Intimate Look at the Studio Life of
Robert Motherwell**
at
The Bendheim Gallery
May 8 through June 8
299 Greenwich Avenue
Greenwich, CT 06830

"Drawing is a racing yacht, cutting through the ocean. Painting is the ocean itself."
Robert Motherwell

The unmannered fluidity of Robert Motherwell's drawing and the expansiveness of his painting will be on view at The Bendheim Gallery from May 8 through June 8 when the Greenwich Arts Council, in cooperation with the Dedalus Foundation, brings *Selective Space: An Intimate Look at the Studio Life of Robert Motherwell* to Greenwich.

The show - comprised of prints, drawings, collages, unique works, as well as materials from the artist's Greenwich studio on North Street - showcases the robust, exalted space and presence Motherwell gave to each medium. His work is characterized by a broad range of imagery within which there are certain recurrent themes and motifs - some monumental or intensely brooding, to unrestrained lyricism.

Born in 1915, and moved to Greenwich in 1971 until his death, Motherwell was one of the major artists of the Abstract Expressionist movement and also the leading spokesman for that generation of artists. His works are in collections of major museums throughout the world and he remains the subject of intense art-historical study.

Selective Space: An Intimate Look at the Studio Life of Robert Motherwell will open with an exclusive preview, reception and gallery talk by Dedalus curator, Michael Mahnke, on Thursday, May 8 from 6 to 9 pm. The cost for this special event is \$50 per person to benefit the Greenwich Arts Council. For paid reservations, please call 203-862-6750 by May 2.

One side note, back in the fall of 2001, the Greenwich Arts Council opened the newly created Bendheim Gallery with a major Motherwell print exhibition. The GAC and the Dedalus Foundation are happy and proud to once again mount an exhibition of such a caliber and importance as *Selective Space*, offering a special view of many rarely seen original works.

The Greenwich Arts Council promotes the arts by nurturing artists and building audiences, bringing the arts to the community and the community to the arts.

(image: Black Cathedral, 1991, 67' x 47", lithograph on white Tyler Graphics Ltd. handmade paper signed "RM" in pencil)