

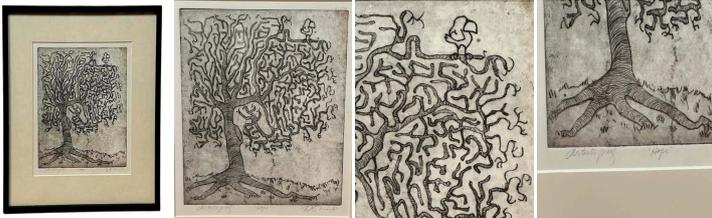
"HOPE" Illegible Signed Artist Proof

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Artist Proof / Lithography

The lithograph titled 'Hope,' presented here in its first released proof, is a monochrome work rendered in shades of gray. It captures the melancholic image of a leafless tree, probably an oak stripped of its vigor. Its branches extend in silent despair, and its roots evoke a struggle for survival.

The initial approach leads us to focus on this oak, a symbol of strength and perseverance. Its stripped-down representation reveals another narrative—that of fragile and damaged nature. The choice of gray is intentional; it evokes memories and reinforces the idea of reminiscence and bygone times. The nearly lifeless tree becomes a powerful symbol of deforestation and environmental destruction caused by human actions.

The absence of leaves, the tortured shape of the branches, and the artist's technique of outlining forms without filling in the spaces evoke emptiness and relentless dryness. The tree's roots, resembling a bird's claw, cling to the earth, embodying nature's fierce struggle to sustain itself against adversity. They represent adaptation and ecological resilience, a metaphor for resistance and uprooting.

In contrast to the prevailing desolation, a small bird perches on one of the highest gnarled branches, surviving and bearing witness to the collapse. It embodies hope, a prospect of life's continuity. This juxtaposition of images gives the work its depth: the presence of this small feathered being suggests that there is still a glimmer to grasp, even among the ruins. The bird, often a symbol of freedom and hope, turns to the right, seemingly contemplating the surrounding



disaster in silent meditation. It represents the link between the devastated present and the memory of a past where nature thrived, highlighting a deep desire to reclaim lost harmony.

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PERIOD: Late 20th Century

CONDITION: Excellent

MEASUREMENTS: Height: 18.88" Width: 17.38" Depth: 0.88"

COUNT: 1

MATERIAL: Paper, Embossed, Pressed

COUNTRY OF ORIGIN: United States