



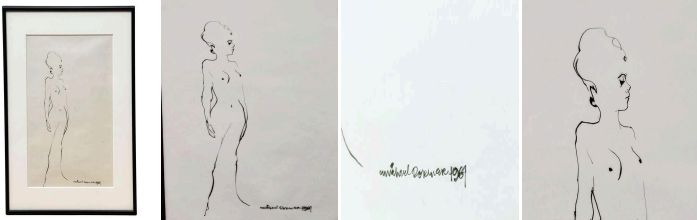
Minimalist nude by Michael Dormer

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## Details

Minimalism in figuration, particularly in the context of this female nude drawing proposed by the renowned artist Michael Dormer is a big challenge for an artist as it demands a meticulous selection of vital elements that will not only bring the subject to life but also evoke a sense of narrative within the artwork. The deliberate exclusion of excessive details compels the artist to distill the essence of the woman's form, focusing on key lines, curves, and details such as the breast, navel, feminine shapes, and negative spaces to convey her presence and story. The model stands erect with hair likely gathered atop her head. Her legs form a fluid line resembling the smoothness of a silk fabric of an elegant and long evening gown. Through this intentional reduction, and without any vulgarity, Dormer encourages us to engage with the artwork by actively filling in the gaps and interpreting an underlying story, allowing for a poetic visual dialogue with the artist, and the subject.

Michael Dormer (1935-2012) was an American artist known for his distinct and vibrant style. Born in Los Angeles, California, Dormer developed a deep passion for art early on. He attended the Chouinard Art Institute (now known as the California Institute of the Arts) in the late 1950s, where he honed his artistic skills and experimented with various mediums.

Dormer's artistic career took off in the 1960s when he co-created the popular and groundbreaking children's television show "The Magic Mushroom" alongside Lee Splawn. The show, which featured Dormer's whimsical characters and psychedelic visuals, became a cult classic, capturing the spirit of the counterculture movement of the era.



Beyond his work in television, Dormer's art encompassed a wide range of mediums, including painting, illustration, sculpture, and graphic design. He embraced bold colours, intricate patterns, and intricate detailing, creating vivid and visually captivating artworks. His distinctive style blended elements of pop art, surrealism, and cartoonish whimsy, resulting in a unique and instantly recognisable aesthetic.

Dormer's artworks often featured playful and mischievous characters, reflecting his fascination with mythology, folklore, and the human psyche. His creations had an inherent sense of humour and joy, inviting viewers to immerse themselves in a fantastical world of imagination and wonder.

Throughout his career, Dormer's artistic contributions extended beyond the realm of visual art. He also wrote and illustrated several children's books, further showcasing his storytelling abilities and imaginative spirit.

Michael Dormer's artistic legacy continues to inspire and captivate audiences. His work can be found in numerous private collections and has been exhibited in galleries and museums around the world. Although he passed away in 2012, his impact on the art world and his ability to ignite a sense of childlike wonder through his art remain cherished and celebrated.

REFERENCE NUMBER: LU654312633142

PERIOD: 1964

CONDITION: Excellent

MEASUREMENTS: Height: 17.75" Width: 13.75" Depth: 1"

COUNT: 1

MATERIAL: Pencil

CREATOR: Michael Dormer