



Roy Lichtenstein

Between Sea and Sky

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- The first exhibition and catalogue focused on Lichtenstein's seascapes
- It will feature a recreation of his since-destroyed Super Sunset billboard commission. This monumental Pop image has not been seen since its one-time presentation outside Philadelphia in 1967
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In 1964, inspired by both art history and by imagery found on printed postcards, Lichtenstein began to explore the genre of seascape, using both paint, plastic, enamel, drawings, collage, print and even film to realise his various works. Guild Hall will host an extraordinary gathering of these works beginning with his Pop-inspired explorations of setting suns along with a recreation of his since destroyed Super Sunset billboard commission (1967). Other works in the show will include his experimental optical collages and films from the mid to late 1960s to his gently calibrated brushstroke water views in paintings and prints of the 1980s culminating with his 1990s water lily series in homage to the Nymphéas of Claude Monet. The publication will also include an interview between Avis Berman and Lichtenstein's assistant, James de Pasquale on his recollections of working with the artist in the 1970s on his landscapes in his studio in Southampton, New York. The catalogue will feature a biography and chronology with rarely seen photographs of the artist at work in his various studios.

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