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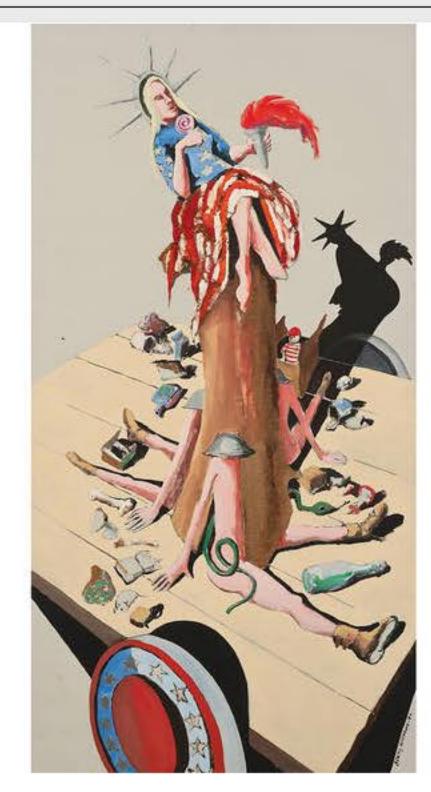
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Michael Rosenfeld Gallery

Upcoming exhibition: "Benny Andrews: The Bicentennial Series"

Nov 8-Jan 2017

In 1969, Benny Andrews began conceptualizing the Bicentennial Series, in a time when the artist himself was deeply committed to political activism. After reading New York Times articles covering then President Nixon's Bicentennial Commission and the American plan for coast to coast celebrations, Andrews became afraid that the American milestone would omit the voices of contemporary African Americans. To ensure inclusion, Andrews set out to document the America he knew and respected. Executed over six years, the Bicentennial Series remains a timeless body of paintings and drawings that address nationalism, war, feminism, sexism and hope. This is the first time that the Bicentennial Series will be presented in its totality. 100 Eleventh Ave (212-247-0082, michaelrosenfeldart.com). Tue-Sat 10am-6pm or by appointment.

Liberty #6 (Study for Trash), 1971

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