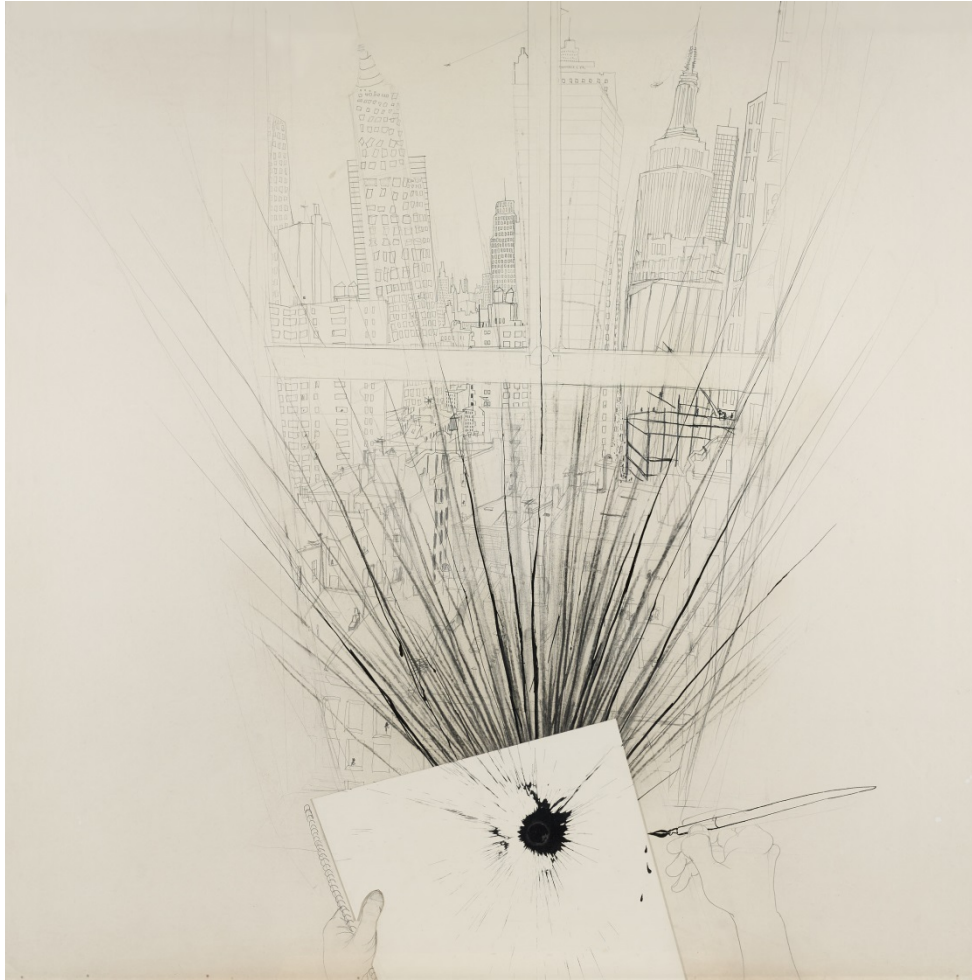


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## New York to Sydney

Important Australian Art | Auction in Sydney 24 November 2015



BRETT WHITELEY 1939-1992, *New York 3* (1968). Estimate \$50,000-70,000

Never before seen in Australia, Brett Whiteley's rare *New York 3* (1968) (estimate \$50,000-70,000, lot 21, pictured) will be auctioned by Sotheby's Australia on 24 November at the InterContinental Sydney. Drawn from his window of the Chelsea Hotel, Whiteley has recorded a unique aspect of the Manhattan skyline.

Geoffrey Smith, Chairman of Sotheby's Australia commented: 'A precursor to Whiteley's synonymous views from his window at Lavender Bay, *New York 3* provides a valuable insight into understanding his compositional structures and his appreciation of his domestic environment. The work has been retained in a private New York collection since it was first exhibited in 1968, and with an introduction by Sotheby's, Australian's have the first opportunity to view this graphically stunning and detailed work by Whiteley of the Manhattan skyline.'

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In 1967 Whiteley won a Harkness Fellowship Scholarship to study and work in New York where he met other artists and musicians. *New York 3* was included in Whiteley's breakthrough 1968 solo exhibition at the Marlborough-Gerson Gallery which propelled his international reputation.

## AT A GLANCE

BRETT WHITELEY 1939-1992

*New York 3* (1968)

charcoal, pencil, ink and paper on composition board

122 x 131 cm

Estimate \$50,000-70,000

Important Australian Art

Auction at InterContinental Sydney, 117 Macquarie Street, Sydney, 24 November 2015, 6.30 pm

Total estimate \$7,635,000 to \$9,985,000 | Total lots 94

Exhibition in Sydney, 30 & 34 Queen Street, Woollahra, 19-24 November, 10 am to 5 pm

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