Henry Moore Artwork Catalogue - Detailed Report



Mother and Child: Block Seat

Catalogue Number LH 838 cast 0

Artwork Type Sculpture

Date 1983-84

Dimensions

artwork (including base): $238 \times 111.5 \times 134.8$ cm artwork: 244 cm pedestal: $120 \times 145 \times 30$ cm weight uncased: 1000 kg case: 170

x 142 x 285 cm weight cased: 1400 kg

Medium bronze

Signature stamped Moore, 0/9

Ownership

The Henry Moore Foundation: acquired 1986

More Information

Moore regarded the subject of the mother and child as a 'fundamental obsession'. Despite the monumental quality of the sculpture there is a tenderness in the curve of the mother's body and arm. This idea of a protective outer form sheltering a more vulnerable element is explored in Moore's numerous sculptures and drawings of the internal-external form. This work is also an example of Moore's experiments with seats, plinths and the walls as an integral part of the sculpture.