



Head (after Lorenzo Ghiberti)

Catalogue Number

HMF 80(255)

Artwork Type

Drawing

Date

1980

Dimensions

paper: 279 x 227 mm

Medium

ballpoint pen

Paper Support

T.H. Saunders watercolour paper

Signature

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Ownership

The Henry Moore Foundation: acquired 1987

More Information

In 1980 the artist received from the photographer David Finn a book of photographs of the Florence Baptistery Doors, from which Moore did twelve sketches, five in 1980 and seven the following year. The South Door by Andrea Pisano depicting the life of John the Baptist, completed between 1322 and 1336, was originally hung in the place of honour on the east door of the Baptistery; the North Door (1402-24) with scenes from the life of Christ was by Lorenzo Ghiberti, who on its completion was immediately commissioned to make a door depicting scenes from the Old Testament, the Porta del Paradiso, which in 1452 replaced Pisano's door on the east side. HMF(255) is the head of the Virgin Mary from Panel x of the North Door.