

Special Exhibition Loan

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Patrick Robideau — American, 1964

mixed media



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My childhood home, where I grew up, had the address of 2013 13th Street, Niagara Falls. It had a large front porch under which I would play, hidden away from view. This piece has 13 stories, each with its own porch. Although the scale of the piece is not life size, it's intent is to tower over you as it did to my child's experience and eye.

Looking through the window in the rear gives you a view of a cavern, or a gorge; this is a dream reference ... what is inside of a house, what is inside of a home? What is inside of memory? What do the memories of our early explorations that are stamped inside of us do to us? While it is a personal memory of growing up in Niagara Falls, the piece before you represents my process of trying to remember that experience - and what it means to duplicate an experience and duplicate memory.

- Patrick Robideau

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