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JIM DINE FLOWERS AND PLANTS
PaceWildenstein
32 East 57th Street
September 16 - October 15, 1994

Jim Dine's botanical drawings will be on view at PaceWildenstein, 32 East 57th Street, beginning September 16 and continuing through October 15, 1994. This special exhibition features some twenty-eight drawings on mixed mediums including pencil, charcoal, oil, pastel and watercolor on paper, from the 1970s to the present.

Dine, who is known for his memorable depictions of everyday objects and personal possessions, began to focus on flowers and plants in the 1970s. The drawings featured in this exhibition are the result of the artist's intense scrutiny of his subjects. Dine examines his botanical subjects in much the same way that a portrait painter would analyze his sitter: "I always thought that the close examination of plants, by looking, gave me a great deal of pleasure, not unlike the close examination of the human body."

The drawings reflect Dine's fascination and reverence for nature without compromising the reality of his subjects. Marco Livingstone, author of *Jim Dine Flowers and Plants* (Harry N. Abrams, 1994) explains, "If (Dine) shows the stems of a plant drooping and wilting...or a blossom opened wide to the point that its petals are about to fall...it is not in order to make a point about the cycle of life or the imminence of death. It is simply that he wishes to show the plants in the precise state in which he witnessed them, without idealization, in their glorious particularity."

Jim Dine Flowers and Plants (Abrams), with 220 illustrations including 93 plates in full color, will be released October 1994.

For further information on **Jim Dine Flowers and Plants** or PaceWildenstein, please call Andrea Bundonis at (212) 421-3292.