HELEN Frankenthaler PRINTS

SEVEN TYPES OF AMBIGUITY

PROLOGUE

Helen Frankenthaler, American, 1928-2011 Printed and published by Universal Limited Art Editions (ULAE), West Islip, New York *First Stone*, 1961 Color lithograph 55.9 × 76.2 cm (22 × 30 in.) Helen Frankenthaler Foundation, New York

Helen Frankenthaler, American, 1928-2011 Seven Types of Ambiguity, 1957 Oil on unsized, unprimed canvas 242.6 × 178.1 cm (95 ½ × 70 ½ in.) frame: 247.6 × 181.6 × 5.7 cm (97 ½ × 71 ½ × 2 ¼ in.) Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art, Bentonville, Arkansas

Helen Frankenthaler, American, 1928-2011 Printed and published by Donn Horatio Steward, American, 1921-1986 *Pompeii*, 1976 Color drypoint, softground etching, and aquatint plate: 54.6 x 31.1 cm (21 1/2 x 12 1/4 in.) sheet: 77.6 x 55.8 cm (30 9/16 x 21 15/16 in.) frame: 102.5 x 77 x 3.8 cm (40 3/8 x 30 5/16 x 1 1/2 in.) Princeton University Art Museum. Museum purchase, Laura P. Hall Memorial Fund (x1977-2)

Helen Frankenthaler, American, 1928-2011 Published by Lincoln Center List Poster and Print Program, New York Printed by Brand X Editions, New York *Aerie*, 2009 Color screenprint on BFK Rives paper 74.9 × 99.1 cm (29 1/2 × 39 in.) Loaned by Henry Iseman

I: LINE + FIELD

Helen Frankenthaler, American, 1928-2011 Printed by Chiron Press, New York Published by Helen Frankenthaler, American, 1928-2011 *Untitled*, 1967 Color screenprint 65.4 × 45.4 cm (25 3/4 × 17 7/8 in.) Princeton University Art Museum. Gift of the Helen Frankenthaler Foundation (2019-77)











Helen Frankenthaler, American, 1928-2011 Printed and published by Universal Limited Art Editions (ULAE), West Islip, New York *Free Wheeling, AP 1/2*, 1971 Color etching with acrylic pochoir printed in twenty-one variants plate: 77.8 × 55.2 cm (30 5/8 × 21 3/4 in.) sheet: 106.7 × 76.2 cm (42 × 30 in.) Helen Frankenthaler Foundation, New York

Helen Frankenthaler, American, 1928-2011 Printed by the artist at her New York studio with assistance of Maurel Studios, New York Published by Abrams Original Editions, New York *Green Likes Mauve from the series Four Pochoirs*, 1970 Color acrylic pochoir in fifty variants 55.9 × 77.5 cm (22 × 30 1/2 in.) Princeton University Art Museum. Gift of the Helen Frankenthaler Foundation (2019-78)

Helen Frankenthaler, American, 1928-2011 Printed and published by Tyler Graphics, Ltd., Mount Kisco, New York *Blue Current*, 1987 Color aquatint, spitbite aquatint, soft-ground etching, lithograph, and engraving 77.5 × 95.2 cm (30 1/2 × 37 1/2 in.) Helen Frankenthaler Foundation, New York

Helen Frankenthaler, American, 1928-2011 Printed and published by 2RC Editrice, Rome *Passeggiata Romana*, 1973 Color sugar-lift etching and aquatint plate: 21.6 × 20 cm (8 1/2 × 7 7/8 in.) sheet: 50 × 34.9 cm (19 11/16 × 13 3/4 in.) Princeton University Art Museum. Gift of the Helen Frankenthaler Foundation (2019-79)

Helen Frankenthaler, American, 1928-2011 Printed by Eleonora Rossi, and Valter Rossi, Libyan, born 1937 Published by 2 RC Editrice *Pranzo Italiano (Italian Lunch)*, 1973 Color etching, aquatint, and drypoint on Fabriano white wove paper plate: 21.4 x 19.8 cm. (8 7/16 x 7 13/16 in.) sheet: 49.4 x 35 cm. (19 7/16 x 13 3/4 in.) Princeton University Art Museum. Gift of James Kraft, Class of 1957 (x1993-228)

Helen Frankenthaler, American, 1928-2011 Printed and published by Universal Limited Art Editions (ULAE), West Islip, New York *Persian Garden*, 1965-66 Color lithograph 64.8 × 50.8 cm (25 1/2 × 20 in.) Helen Frankenthaler Foundation, New York













II: EVOLVING VISION

Helen Frankenthaler, American, 1928-2011 Printed and published by Tyler Graphics, Ltd., Bedford Village, New York *Essence Mulberry*, 1977 Woodcut printed in eight colors from four woodblocks on buff Maniai Gampi handmade paper 100.3 × 47 cm (39 1/2 × 18 1/2 in.) Loaned by Frederick Iseman

Helen Frankenthaler, American, 1928-2011 Printed and published by Tyler Graphics, Ltd., Bedford Village, New York *Essence Mulberry, trial proof 17*, 1977 Woodcut proof on buff Maniai Gampi handmade paper 88.3 × 47.6 cm (34 3/4 × 18 3/4 in.) Helen Frankenthaler Foundation, New York

Helen Frankenthaler, American, 1928-2011 Printed and published by Tyler Graphics, Ltd., Bedford Village, New York *Essence Mulberry , trial proof 23*, 1977 Woodcut proof on Maniai Gampi handmade papaer 100.3 × 48.3 cm (39 1/2 × 19 in.) Helen Frankenthaler Foundation, New York

Helen Frankenthaler, American, 1928-2011 *Cameo, working proof 2*, 1980 Woodcut with hand additions by the artist in pastel, crayon, and paint on gray-pink TGL handmade paper 105.4 × 85.1 cm (41 1/2 × 33 1/2 in.) Helen Frankenthaler Foundation, New York

Helen Frankenthaler, American, 1928-2011 Printed and published by Tyler Graphics, Ltd., Bedford Village, New York *Cameo*, 1980 Woodcut printed in eight colors from five blocks on gray-pink TGL handmade paper 106.7 × 82.6 cm (42 × 32 1/2 in.) Helen Frankenthaler Foundation, New York











Helen Frankenthaler, American, 1928-2011 Printed and published by Tyler Graphics, Ltd., Bedford Village, New York *Dream Walk*, 1977 Color lithograph on mauve HMP handmade paper 66 × 88.9 cm (26 × 35 in.) Princeton University Art Museum. Gift of the Helen Frankenthaler Foundation (2019-80)

Helen Frankenthaler, American, 1928-2011 Printed and published by Tyler Graphics, Ltd., Bedford Village, New York *Dream Walk, trial proof* 1, 1977 Color lithograph on HMP handmade paper 57.1 × 81.3 cm (22 1/2 × 32 in.) Princeton University Art Museum. Gift of the Helen Frankenthaler Foundation (2019-81)

Helen Frankenthaler, American, 1928-2011 Printed and published by Tyler Graphics, Ltd., Bedford Village, New York *Dream Walk, trial proof 4*, 1977 Color lithograph on HMP handmade paper 55.9 × 76.2 cm (22 × 30 in.) Princeton University Art Museum. Gift of the Helen Frankenthaler Foundation (2019-82)

Helen Frankenthaler, American, 1928-2011 Printed and published by Tyler Graphics, Ltd., Bedford Village, New York *Dream Walk, trial proof 5,* 1977 Color lithograph on HMP handmade paper 59.7 × 80 cm (23 1/2 × 31 1/2 in.) Princeton University Art Museum. Gift of the Helen Frankenthaler Foundation (2019-83)

Helen Frankenthaler, American, 1928-2011
Printed and published by Tyler Graphics, Ltd., Bedford Village, New York *Dream Walk, trial proof 6*, 1977
Color lithograph on HMP handmade paper
59.7 × 80 cm (23 1/2 × 31 1/2 in.)
Princeton University Art Museum. Gift of the Helen Frankenthaler Foundation (2019-84)

Helen Frankenthaler, American, 1928-2011 Printed and published by Tyler Graphics, Ltd., Bedford Village, New York *Dream Walk, working proof* 1, 1977 Color lithograph, with hand additions on mauve HMP handmade paper 59.1 × 81.9 cm (23 1/4 × 32 1/4 in.) Princeton University Art Museum. Gift of the Helen Frankenthaler Foundation (2019-85)

IV: BLACK IS A COLOR

Edgar Degas, French, 1834-1917 *Leaving the Bath (La sortie du bain)*, 1879-80 Drypoint, with etching needle and carbon rod plate: 12.8 × 12.7 cm (5 1/16 × 5 in.) sheet: 17.5 × 22 cm (6 7/8 × 8 11/16 in.) Princeton University Art Museum. Museum Purchase, Laura P. Hall Memorial Fund (2017-119)















Helen Frankenthaler, American, 1928-2011 Printed and published by Universal Limited Art Editions (ULAE), West Islip, New York *Message from Degas*, 1972-74 Color etching, aquatint, and liquid aquatint plate: 19.4 × 24.4 cm (7 5/8 × 9 5/8 in.) sheet: 35.6 × 43.2 cm (14 × 17 in.) Zimmerli Art Museum at Rutgers University, Museum Purchase, Purchased in part with a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts, a federal agency

Francisco José de Goya y Lucientes, Spanish, 1746-1828 Published by Real Academia de Bellas Artes de San Fernando, Spanish, founded 1744 *Disparate Puntual (Foolish precision)*, ca. 1815-17, printed 1864 Etching and aquatint image: 21.8 x 32.5 cm. (8 9/16 x 12 13/16 in.) sheet: 27.7 x 38.3 cm. (10 7/8 x 15 1/16 in.) frame: 46 × 61.2 × 2.5 cm (18 1/8 × 24 1/8 × 1 in.) Princeton University Art Museum. Bequest of Charles A. Ryskamp (2010-153)

Francisco José de Goya y Lucientes, Spanish, 1746-1828 Published by Real Academia de Bellas Artes de San Fernando, Spanish, founded 1744 *Disparate fúnebre (Funeral folly)*, ca. 1815-17, printed 1864 Etching, burnished aquatint, and burin plate: 25.0 x 35.7 cm. (9 13/16 x 14 1/16 in.) sheet: 33.8 x 48.5 cm. (13 5/16 x 19 1/8 in.) Princeton University Art Museum. Laura P. Hall Memorial Collection (x1946-249)

Helen Frankenthaler, American, 1928-2011 Printed and published by Tyler Graphics, Ltd., Bedford Village, New York *Deep Sun*, 1983 Color etching, soft-ground etching, aquatint, spitbite aquatint, drypoint, engraving and mezzotint plate: 61 × 66 cm (24 × 26 in.) sheet: 76.2 × 102.9 cm (30 × 40 1/2 in.) Princeton University Art Museum. Gift of the Helen Frankenthaler Foundation (2019-86)

Helen Frankenthaler, American, 1928-2011 Study for Yellow Jack, 1985 Collage and tusche on transfer paper with white acrylic 116.8 × 88.9 cm (46 × 35 in.) Helen Frankenthaler Foundation, New York

Helen Frankenthaler, American, 1928-2011 Printed and published by Tyler Graphics, Ltd., Mount Kisco, New York *Yellow Jack*, 1987 Lithograph, with hand-stenciled acrylic, crayon, and pastel 76.2×96.5 cm (30×38 in.) Helen Frankenthaler Foundation, New York













Helen Frankenthaler, American, 1928-2011 Printed and published by Tyler Graphics, Ltd., Mount Kisco, New York *Flirting with Stone*, 1985-90 Color lithograph 102.9 × 80 cm (40 1/2 × 31 1/2 in.) Helen Frankenthaler Foundation, New York

Helen Frankenthaler, American, 1928-2011 Printed and published by Ediciones Polígrafa, S.A., Barcelona *Ramblas*, 1987-88 Color lithograph, drypoint, and etching plate: $67 \times 50.8 \text{ cm} (26 \text{ }3/8 \times 20 \text{ in.})$ sheet: $87 \times 68.6 \text{ cm} (34 \text{ }1/4 \times 27 \text{ in.})$ Helen Frankenthaler Foundation, New York

Helen Frankenthaler, American, 1928-2011 Printed and published by Ediciones Polígrafa, S.A., Barcelona *Un Poco Mas*, 1987 Color ithograph 68.6 × 94 cm (27 × 37 in.) Princeton University Art Museum. Gift of the Helen Frankenthaler Foundation (2019-87)

Helen Frankenthaler, American, 1928-2011 Printed and published by Tyler Graphics, Ltd., Mount Kisco, New York *Ochre Dust*, 1987 Color spitbite aquatint and lithograph 61.9 × 83.8 cm (24 3/8 × 33 in.) Helen Frankenthaler Foundation, New York

Helen Frankenthaler, American, 1928-2011 Printed and published by Universal Limited Art Editions (ULAE), West Islip, New York *Door*, 1976-79 Color lithograph 72.4 × 105.4 cm (28 1/2 × 41 1/2 in.) Helen Frankenthaler Foundation, New York

III: BAY AREA MONOTYPES

Milton Avery, American, 1885-1965 *Green Sea*, 1951 Color monotype 45.9 × 61 cm (18 1/16 × 24 in.) Princeton University Art Museum. Gift of Mrs. Milton Avery (x1982-353)







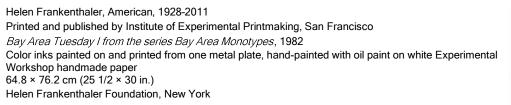






Helen Frankenthaler, American, 1928-2011 Printed and published by Garner Tullis, New York *Monotype VIII*, 1991 Color inks painted on and printed from one aluminum plate, with hand additions on white handmade paper 65.1 × 97.8 cm (25 5/8 × 38 1/2 in.) Helen Frankenthaler Foundation, New York

Helen Frankenthaler, American, 1928-2011 Printed and published by Institute of Experimental Printmaking, San Francisco *Bay Area Sunday III from the series Bay Area Monotypes*, 1982 Color inks painted on and printed from one metal plate, hand-painted with oil paint on white Experimental Workshop handmade paper 64.1 × 74.9 cm (25 1/4 × 29 1/2 in.) Helen Frankenthaler Foundation, New York



Helen Frankenthaler, American, 1928-2011 Printed and published by Institute of Experimental Printmaking, San Francisco *Bay Area Tuesday VII from the series Bay Area Monotypes*, 1982 Color inks painted on and printed from one metal plate, hand-painted with oil paint on white Experimental Workshop handmade paper 63.8 × 74.3 cm (25 1/8 × 29 1/4 in.) Helen Frankenthaler Foundation, New York

Helen Frankenthaler, American, 1928-2011 Printed and published by Institute of Experimental Printmaking, San Francisco *Bay Area Wednesday VI from the series Bay Area Monotypes*, 1982 Color inks painted on and printed from one metal plate, hand-painted with oil paint on white Experimental Workshop handmade paper 64.1 × 73.7 cm (25 1/4 × 29 in.) Helen Frankenthaler Foundation, New York

Helen Frankenthaler, American, 1928-2011
Printed and published by Garner Tullis, New York *Monotype XIV*, 1991
Color inks painted on and printed from one woodblock, with hand additions on white handmade paper
64.8 × 97.8 cm (25 1/2 × 38 1/2 in.)
Helen Frankenthaler Foundation, New York













Helen Frankenthaler, American, 1928-2011 Printed and published by Garner Tullis, New York *Monotype VII*, 1991 Color inks painted on and printed from one aluminum plate, with hand additions on white handmade paper 59.7 × 78.7 cm (23 1/2 × 31 in.) Princeton University Art Museum. Gift of the Helen Frankenthaler Foundation (2019-89)

V: LOS ANGELES TOPOGRAPHY

Helen Frankenthaler, American, 1928-2011 Printed and published by Mixografia, Los Angeles *Guadalupe*, 1989 Mixografia on white handmade paper 175.3 × 114.3 cm (69 × 45 in.) Princeton University Art Museum. Gift of the Helen Frankenthaler Foundation (2019-88)

Rufino Tamayo, Mexican, 1899-1991 *Niño bailando (Child Dancing)*, 1974 Mixografía® sheet: 74 × 54 cm (29 1/8 × 21 1/4 in.) frame: 94 × 73 × 5.2 cm (37 × 28 3/4 × 2 1/16 in.) Princeton University Art Museum. Gift of David L. Meginnity, Class of 1958 (1998-152)

Rufino Tamayo, Mexican, 1899-1991 La niña (The Girl), 1981 Mixografía® image: $93 \times 69.7 \text{ cm} (365/8 \times 277/16 \text{ in.})$ sheet: $100.4 \times 77.8 \text{ cm} (391/2 \times 305/8 \text{ in.})$ Princeton University Art Museum. Gift of David L. Meginnity, Class of 1958 (1999-43)

Helen Frankenthaler, American, 1928-2011 Printed and published by Mixografia Alaska, AP 1/13, 1989 Mixografia on white handmade paper 119.4 × 94 cm (47 × 37 in.) Helen Frankenthaler Foundation, New York

Helen Frankenthaler, American, 1928-2011 Printed and published by Mixografia, Los Angeles *Tahiti, AP 1/11*, 1989 Mixografia on white handmade paper $81.3 \times 136.5 \text{ cm} (32 \times 53 3/4 \text{ in.})$ Helen Frankenthaler Foundation, New York













VI: TALES OF GENJI

Japanese Edo period, 1615-1868 Anonymous *Scenes from the Tale of Genji (Genji monogatari)*, ca. early 17th century Six-fold screen; ink, color, and gold on paper Painting: 103.7 x 325 cm. (40 13/16 x 127 15/16 in.) Screen: 118.8 x 339.2 cm. (46 13/16 x 133 9/16 in.) Princeton University Art Museum. Museum purchase, Fowler McCormick, Class of 1921, Fund (y1993-7)

Japanese

Edo period, 1615-1868 Utagawa Hiroshige 歌川広重, 1797-1858 *Komagata Hall and Azuma Bridge (Komagata-dō Azuma-bashi)*, ca. 1857 Woodblock print (ōban tate-e format); ink and color on paper block: 34 x 22.6 cm. (13 3/8 x 8 7/8 in.) sheet: 35.1 x 23 cm. (13 13/16 x 9 1/16 in.) mat: 48.9 x 36.2 cm. (19 1/4 x 14 1/4 in.) Princeton University Art Museum. Gift of Anne van Biema (1996-215)

Japanese Edo period, 1615-1868 Utagawa Hiroshige 歌川広重, 1797-1858 *Fukagawa Lumberyards (Fukagawa Kiba 深川木場), from the series "One Hundred Famous Views of Edc (Meisho Edo hyakkei 名所江戸百景)*, 1856 [Ansei 3], 8th month Woodblock print (ōban tate-e format); ink and color on paper block: 34 x 22.5 cm. (13 3/8 x 8 7/8 in.) sheet: 35 x 24 cm. (13 3/4 x 9 7/16 in.) mat: 49 x 36.2 cm. (19 5/16 x 14 1/4 in.) Princeton University Art Museum. Gift of Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Straka (x1983-40)

Helen Frankenthaler, American, 1928-2011 Printed and published by Tyler Graphics, Ltd., Mount Kisco, New York *Tales of Genji II*, 1998 Color woodcut on pale-orange TGL handmade paper sheet: 119.4 × 106.7 cm (47 × 42 in.) Princeton University Art Museum. Museum purchase, Fowler McCormick, Class of 1921, Fund (2019-28)

Helen Frankenthaler, American, 1928-2011 Published by Tyler Graphics, Ltd., Mount Kisco, New York *Tales of Genji III*, 1998 Color woodcut and two stencils on gray TGL handmade paper 119.4 × 106.7 cm (47 × 42 in.) Loaned by Frederick Iseman

Helen Frankenthaler, American, 1928-2011 Printed and published by Tyler Graphics, Ltd., Mount Kisco, New York *Madame Butterfly*, 2000 Color woodcut on three sheets of sienna TGL handmade paper each sheet: 106 × 67.3 cm (41 3/4 × 26 1/2 in.) 106×201.9 cm (41 3/4 × 79 1/2 in.) Loaned by the Frederick Iseman Art Trust













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VII: RETURNING

Helen Frankenthaler, American, 1928-2011 Printed and published by Tyler Graphics, Ltd., Mount Kisco, New York *Round Robin*, 2000 Color etching, aquatint, and mezzotint plate: 17.8 × 41.8 cm (7 × 16 7/16 in.) sheet: 38.4 × 66 cm (15 1/8 × 26 in.) Princeton University Art Museum. Gift of the Helen Frankenthaler Foundation (2019-90)

Helen Frankenthaler, American, 1928-2011 Printed and published by Pace Prints Inc., New York *Snow Pines*, 2004 Woodcut printed in thirty-four colors from sixteen woodblocks on Torinoko paper mounted onto Fabriano Classico paper 37 1/2 x 26 inches (95.3 x 66 cm) Helen Frankenthaler Foundation, New York







Helen Frankenthaler, American, 1928-2011 Printed and published by Pace Prints, New York *Weeping Crabapple*, 2009 Color woodcut on Japanese paper 64.1 × 94.6 cm (25 1/4 × 37 1/4 in.) Princeton University Art Museum. Gift of the Helen Frankenthaler Foundation (2019-91)

PHOTOGRAPHS

Marabeth Cohen-Tyler, Kenneth Tyler holding proof of Flirting with Stone (1985-90) as Frankenthaler studies it and draws with tusche on lithography stone, Tyler Graphics Ltd., Bedford Village, New York, 1986. On wall: Study for Yellow Jack (1987), 1985-90. Gelatin silver print, 20.3 × 25.4 cm. Helen Frankenthaler Foundation Archives, New York

Marabeth Cohen-Tyler, Frankenthaler drawing on lithography stone for Flirting with Stone (1985-90), Tyler Graphics Ltd., Bedford Village, New York, 1986. Gelatin silver print, 20.3 × 25.4 cm. Helen Frankenthaler Foundation Archives, New York

Barbara Delano, Frankenthaler and Rodney Konopaki making a mezzotint ground using rockers for one of the copper plates for Deep Sun (1983), Tyler Graphics Ltd., Bedford Village, New York, 1982. Gelatin silver print, 20.3 × 25.4 cm. Helen Frankenthaler Foundation Archives, New York

Hans Namuth, Frankenthaler at work at Universal Limited Artist Editions (ULAE), West Islip, New York, 1964. Gelatin silver print, 26 × 35.6 cm. Helen Frankenthaler Foundation Archives, New York

Helen Frankenthaler, American, 1928-2011 and Frank O'Hara, American, 1926-1966 An Exhibition of Oil Paintings by Helen Frankenthaler, January 26th-March 2nd, 1960 New York: The Jewish Museum of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, 1960 Princeton University Art Museum, Museum collection