



Extra Virgin: The Stained Glass of Judith Schaechter

Free News Projects proudly presents the first-edition release of *Extra Virgin: The Sainted Glass of Judith Schaechter*, a collection of works from 1983 to 2006.

A renowned fine artist, educator and stained glass pioneer, Judith Schaechter has made a considerable contribution to stained glass

artistry through her use of non-traditional techniques and materials. *Extra Virgin* is the first book to document Schaechter's career, reproducing many key pieces from her oeuvre, including both early figurative works that employ traditional stained glass methods and more recent compositions that incorporate a multitude of innovative production techniques such as layering, engraving, collage, painting, photomechanical stenciling, sandblasting and digital technologies.

Extra Virgin: The Stained Glass of Judith Schaechter is a 192-page hardbound, full-color collection that exquisitely reproduces the artist's creations. In addition to a wide selection of her stained glass pieces, the book also contains an assortment of Schaechter's graphite drawings, as well as a step-by-step examination of the glass layering process in the artist's own words. A foreword written by Alex Baker, curator of contemporary art at the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Art in Philadelphia, is an intimate essay on Judith's work and traces a lifetime of influences --from a childhood of doodling, reading comics, and watching 70's sitcoms to her teenage obsession with punk rock and gothic art. The following is an excerpt from the essay:

Schaechter blurs the distinction between painting and glass using skillfully rendered compositions and novel technical approaches. As we begin narrative interpretations of her work, we are reminded that these are stained glass windows – not paintings, comics, or drawings, but objects laboriously crafted by a single artist with almost no help from assistants. The push and pull between meaning and wonder is at the crux of the aesthetic experience that Schaechter offers us.

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