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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **Ken Price: Drawings**

November 18 – January 13, 2024

Opening: Saturday, November 18, 3:00 to 5:00 PM

Matthew Marks is pleased to announce **Ken Price: Drawings**, the next exhibition in his gallery at 7818 Santa Monica Boulevard in Los Angeles. The exhibition features sixteen drawings made between 1997 and 2007 from the estate of the artist. All are exhibited here for the first time.

“Drawing is the primary thing,” Price said. “It’s where essential thinking goes on, and it’s the soul connection too. A good drawing can cut right to the essence of something.”

Drawing was a central part of Ken Price’s practice throughout his career. He found a powerful source of inspiration in the landscapes that surrounded him, including the volcanoes and seascapes of Hawaii, which he visited regularly, and the high desert of Taos, New Mexico, where he lived for many years. Describing his home in Taos, Price said, “The sky here is connected to the land; it’s not like anything I’ve seen anywhere else. The sunsets aren’t pretty and sweet, they are spectacular and amazing.”

Ken Price (1935–2012) was born in Los Angeles. After graduating from college in 1959, Price returned to Los Angeles and was given his first one-person exhibition at the now legendary Ferus Gallery in 1960. Price had one-person exhibitions at the Menil Collection in Houston, the Walker Art Center in Minneapolis, and the Chinati Foundation in Marfa, Texas. In 2012, shortly before his untimely passing, the Los Angeles County Museum of Art presented a retrospective of his work, which traveled to the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York and the Nasher Sculpture Center in Dallas. In 2013, the Drawing Center in New York, in collaboration with Buffalo’s Albright-Knox Art Gallery, organized the first survey of Price’s works on paper.

**Ken Price: Drawings** is on view at 7818 Santa Monica Boulevard from November 18 through January 13, 2024, Tuesday through Saturday, from 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM.

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