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Steve Wolfe
Remembering Steve

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Opening reception: Friday, February 3rd, 6–8 pm

Luhring Augustine announces an exhibition organized in honor of the life and work of Steve Wolfe (1955-2016) titled *Remembering Steve*, on view in our Chelsea gallery.

At the heart of Wolfe's practice are iconic twentieth century works of literature, music, and visual art which inspired him and became the subject of his practice. *Remembering Steve* is comprised of sculptures and works on paper from the mid 1980s onwards; spanning the course of three decades of work.

Working in the tradition of *trompe l'oeil*, Wolfe re-creates worn books and used records, primarily from the 1960s and 1970s, that influenced his personal and artistic sensibilities. He sought to represent his subjects with complete accuracy, rendering every detail of the original object which bore the signs of age and use. Using lithography, silkscreen, drawing, and other labor intensive processes, he was exhaustive and exacting in his method, with some pieces taking several years to complete. From his earliest mature work and throughout his career, his art explored the intersections between material culture, intellectual history, and personal and collective memory. The resonance of his oeuvre is now even more profound as the beloved books and records he so faithfully reproduced are rapidly being replaced by digital surrogates.

Steve Wolfe's work is found in many important private collections as well as prestigious public institutions, including The Whitney Museum of American Art, New York; The Museum of Modern Art, New York; The Menil Collection, Houston; The Art Institute of Chicago; The Dallas Museum of Art; and the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art. In 2009, he was the subject of a one-person exhibition that originated at the Whitney Museum of American Art and traveled to the Menil Collection and the Los Angeles County Museum of Art.

Along with the exhibition, Luhring Augustine is organizing a *catalogue raisonné* of Steve Wolfe's work. We request that anyone in possession of a work by the artist contact us with information to ensure the publication is a thorough and complete record of his oeuvre. For further information about the artist and the forthcoming *catalogue raisonné*, please contact Natalia Sacasa at 212-206-9100 or natalia@luhringaugustine.com. For press requests, please contact Caroline Burghardt at 718-386-2745 or caroline@luhringaugustine.com.