

Tipping Point, 2013
Laurence Edwards

Sold



REF: 11127

Height: 41 cm (16.1")

Width: 130 cm (51.2")

Depth: 41 cm (16.1")

Description

Bronze, No 1, original edition of 12, 2013 Tipping Point is a bronze sculpture cast in bronze from a wooden and cast iron 'pile-driver' head, a distinctive form that has contributed to a new project in development by Edwards for a large tower. Edward has been for many years interested in the the local Suffolk history and has integrated in his work elements from the Snape Ship Burials, sited not far from his studio. Edwards' interest in the pile-driver heads is best appreciated in the context of his continuous enquiry into the material world that surrounds him whether the natural landscape or man-made objects. A floor-based piece, Tipping Point is presented in a limited edition of 12. 'I have, for many years, owned a set of wooden and cast Iron 'pile-driver' heads, these large pyramids were once the ends of vast timber beams, which like giant nails were pounded into the stubborn earth; their aesthetic beauty and use has always intrigued me. I have long wanted to make objects from them, and recently decided to make moulds and work with them. This is the first piece to have been cast. A large tower is planned next, I think eventually they may be presented with or integrated into figure sculptures' Edwards work often echoes his feelings for the Suffolk landscape. His figurative sculptures absorb forms from the landscape, fused with plant matter, and reflect the survival of an ancient culture. 'Sometimes I think that this place, this part of Suffolk, has made me. At least I am sure it has made the way I see' 'Water shapes the world here, sweeping in to touch and change everything. My studio is by this water on Butley Creek, on the frontiers of the sea; a land of heath and wood, mud and marsh and tide. Every day the water floods in over the marshes, and chews at the cliffs. In the space of a morning, a vista that shimmers with water drains to slurp with mud. Water changes the pressure in the air, and in turn the thoughts in the head. I experience these changes constantly. I see the water lap up to the flood defences surrounding the studios, I know that one day it will overwhelm this place' 'Some would say that this land around me is flat. For me it undulates. It has secret places, enough to sustain an inquisitive mind. It has mystery. In the distance a slight incline marks a Saxon burial ground, under this ground are 600 bodies dissolved into sand' Edwards knowledge and ability to be able to cast his own work is unusual and provides him with artistic opportunities that the majority of sculptors who hand over the casting process to independent foundries relinquish. Edwards was taught the lost wax, Cire Perdue method of casting bronze by Tissa Rasinghe at the Royal College of Art. He passed on the knowledge and techniques which he had learned from the infamous Angeloni Brothers, a generation of Italian casters whose knowledge of has been passed down the family line since the Italian Renaissance. Edwards went on to travel in India and Nepal working with traditional casters and discovered ' the space one can find in a process and how character can be given to an object through the personality of the caster that delivers it. Casting has now worked its way into my thought process, so that I plan to solve problems at various moments. I can allow the pr...