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Per Pale Purple, 1985, oil on linen, 60 x 60 inches

Warren Rohrer *A Silent Call: Paintings from the 1980s*

January 10 - February 15, 2020

Opening Reception Friday January 10, 5:30-7:30 PM

Locks Gallery is pleased to announce *A Silent Call*, an exhibition of Warren Rohrer's paintings from the 1980s. Emerging from the experimental Philadelphia art scene in the early 1970s, Warren Rohrer (1927-1995) became known for his luminous, meditative paintings that concentrate intensely on subtle shifts of color and the steady repetition of the stroke. This exhibition highlights Rohrer's work from the 1980s, a period between his subdued *Pond* series and the bolder *Field Language* series, and includes paintings that have never before been exhibited at the gallery. Rohrer's study of the perception of color reflected his interest in expanding painterly abstraction while at the same time referencing the Pennsylvanian landscapes in Lancaster County from which he drew inspiration.

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On Friday, January 10th at 5:30 PM, the gallery will host a conversation on Rohrer's life and work with Pennsylvania State University professors Julia Spicher Kasdorf, Ph.D. and Christopher Reed, Ph.D. They will discuss the nuances between Warren's deliberate language around painting and his resulting work in advance of the upcoming show at Palmer Museum of Art at Penn State entitled *Field Language: The Painting and Poetry of Warren and Jane Rohrer* in June 2020.

A catalog will accompany the exhibition.

Warren Rohrer (American, 1927-1995) was a renowned figure in the painting and teaching community in Philadelphia beginning in the late 1960s. An important survey of his paintings was held at the Philadelphia Museum of Art in 2003. Rohrer's paintings are in the permanent collections of the Denver Art Museum, the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the National Gallery of Art, the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts, the Philadelphia Museum of Art, and the Phillips Collection, among others. Locks Gallery has represented the artist and his estate since 1974.

Locks Gallery is located at 600 Washington Square South in Philadelphia, PA. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 10am to 6pm. For additional information, please contact Locks Gallery at 215.629.1000 or info@locksgallery.com.

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