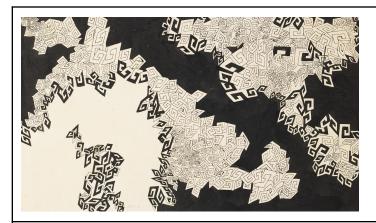
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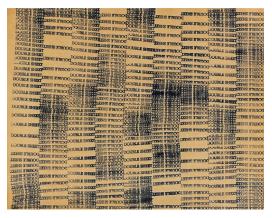
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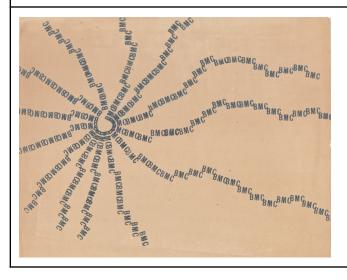
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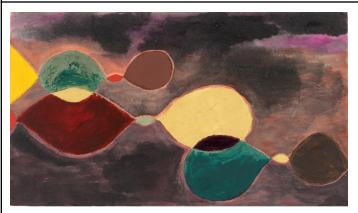
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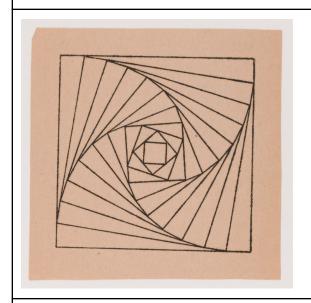


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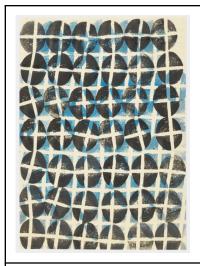
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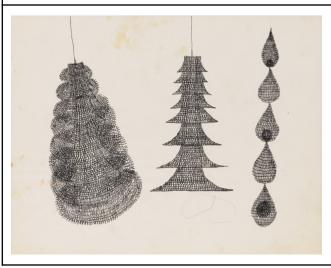
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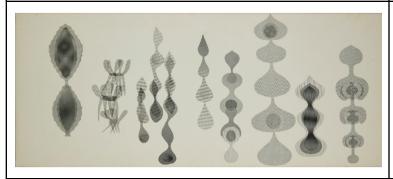
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Ruth Asawa, *Untitled* (S.270, Hanging Six-Lobed, Complex Interlocking Continuous Form within a Form with Two Interior Spheres), 1955 (refabricated 1957–58). Brass and steel wire, 63 7/8 × 14 15/16 × 14 15/16 in. (162.2 × 37.9 × 37.9 cm). Whitney Museum of American Art; gift of Howard Lipman 63.38. Artwork © 2023 Ruth Asawa Lanier, Inc./Artists Rights Society (ARS), New York. Courtesy David Zwirner. Photograph by Robert Gerhardt



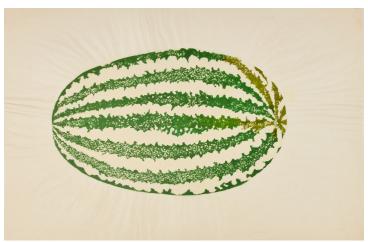
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Ruth Asawa, *Untitled* (ZP.16B, Twelve Looped-Wire Sculptural Forms), c. mid-to-late 1950s. Screentone on board, 10 × 24 in. (25.4 × 61 cm). Private collection. Artwork © 2023 Ruth Asawa Lanier, Inc./Artists Rights Society (ARS), New York. Courtesy David Zwirner



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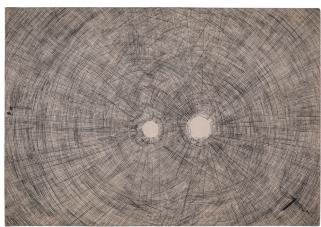
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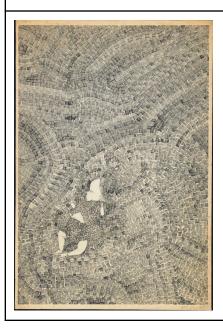
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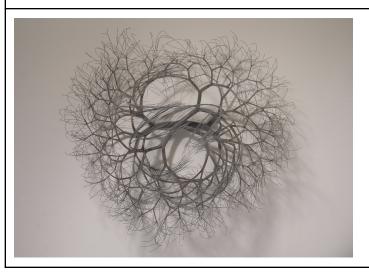
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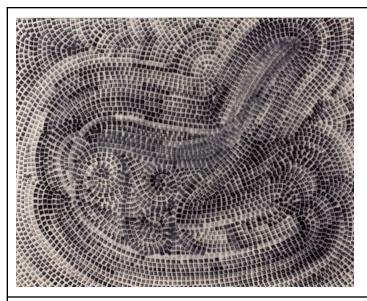
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Ruth Asawa, *Untitled* (S.780, Wall-Mounted, Double-Sided, Center-Tied, Six-Branched Form Based on Nature), c. 1963. Galvanized wire, 27 × 30 × 15 in. (68.6 × 76.2 × 38.1 cm). Fuller Craft Museum; gift of the Joan Pearson Watkins Trust, 2014.19.1. Artwork © 2023 Ruth Asawa Lanier, Inc./Artists Rights Society (ARS), New York. Courtesy David Zwirner. Photograph by Dean Powell



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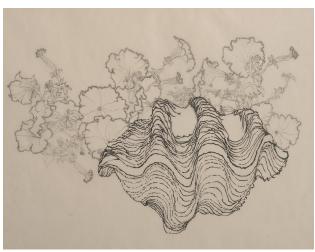
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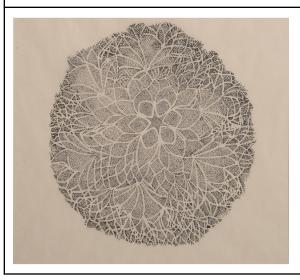
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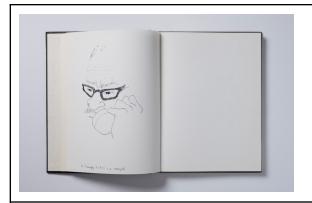
Laurence Cuneo, Ruth Asawa holding a paperfold, c. 1970s. Gelatin silver print, 9 13/16 × 7 5/16 in. (24.9 × 18.6 cm). Courtesy of the Department of Special Collections, Stanford University Libraries. Photograph © Laurence Cuneo. Artwork © 2023 Ruth Asawa Lanier, Inc. / Artist Rights Society (ARS), New York. Courtesy David Zwirner



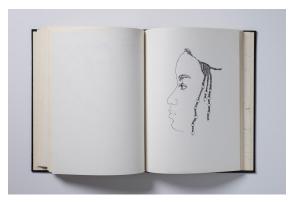
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Tom Wachs, Dancers rehearsing with large paperfolds for *Breathing*, performed at School of the Arts (now Ruth Asawa San Francisco School of the Arts); 1989. Gelatin silver print, 8 × 10 in. (20.3 × 25.4 cm). Courtesy of the Department of Special Collections, Stanford University Libraries. Photograph © Tom Wachs. Artwork © 2023 Ruth Asawa Lanier, Inc./Artists Rights Society (ARS), New York. Courtesy David Zwirner



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