



John Yerger, Helga Testorf, Andrew Wyeth

Title

Helga (Homage to Andrew Wyeth)

Medium

Oil on panel

Date

2010

Dimensions

24 × 17 in. (61 × 43.2 cm)

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Web Description

Is it possible to make a portrait of a portrait? Using his skills at trompe l'oeil painting, a term used to describe artists who create visual illusions of three-dimensionality to fool the viewers' perception of an image, John Yerger skillfully renders a triple portrait. In his oil painting, Yerger represents a photographic portrait of the artist Andrew Wyeth. He also replicates a pencil sketch of Wyeth's famed model Helga Testorf, along with a drybrush watercolor portrait of Testorf known as Refuge (1985).