

Lament

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Oil on Canvas (2006), 60 X 60 in., Courtesy Skip Rohde

Description:

Lament is part of a series of paintings, titled "Meditation on War," that examines the effects of combat on people and places. All were based on my own experiences in the military—they were about things I experienced or saw. *Lament*, in particular, is based on Michelangelo's *Pieta* and is about a parent's loss when their son or daughter is killed in the line of duty. Whether that loss was worthwhile for a greater cause is up to the viewer.