

Basic Detail Report



Saturday Night Special (I Seen it on T.V.)

Date

May 1988

Primary Maker

Robert Colescott

Medium

Acrylic on canvas

Description

This is an acrylic on canvas painting. It depicts an evening interior scene: in the middle ground a blindfolded Caucasian woman, drinking out of a soda bottle, and boy are sitting on a yellow couch watching a television program, with their backs to the viewer. The television

program shows an African American woman being held up by a white gunman. A second story occurs in the foreground. A scantily-clothed African American woman hides a gun behind her back as she confronts her husband with a white woman sitting on his lap. In the upper left, directly above the husband's head, the artist reveals the man's thoughts by adding two skeletons mimicing the husband and mistress with bullet holes through their heads, and two graves in the background.

Dimensions

Overall: 84 x 72 in. (213.4 x 182.9 cm)