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Tuesday – Saturday: 10am–6pm

ANDY WARHOL: *B & W Paintings: Ads and Illustrations 1985-86*

Saturday, March 2 – Saturday, March 30, 2002

Opening reception: Friday, March 1, 2002 7 – 10pm

Gagosian Gallery is pleased to announce the exhibition of an important group of late Warhol paintings, which have not been previously seen in full. Paintings and drawings from this series are also currently on view at Gagosian Gallery, London through March 16, 2002.

In the mid-1980s Andy Warhol made a series of large (72 x 80 inches) and small (16 x 20 inches) silkscreened black and white paintings of images taken from advertisements, diagrams, maps, and illustrations in newspapers and magazines. With images of Russian missile bases, maps of Iran and Afghanistan, and common consumer items such as sneakers, hamburgers and motorbikes, they have a continuing uncanny resonance some fifteen years after their creation.

Warhol's constant themes of consumer culture, death and religion are powerfully represented in these late works. The paintings are contemporary with the collaborations Warhol made at this period with Jean-Michel Basquiat and Francesco Clemente, which revitalized his interest in painting, and are directly related to the early Pop paintings that established Warhol's reputation in the early 1960s.

The exhibition is accompanied by a fully illustrated catalogue, with text and a 1985 interview with the artist by Benjamin Buchloh.

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