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LOUISE BOURGEOIS,  
*SELF PORTRAIT*, 2007

PRESS RELEASE

Harlan & Weaver is pleased to announce the publication of Louise Bourgeois's *Self Portrait*, 2007.

*Self Portrait* originated with Louise Bourgeois's phone call to Harlan & Weaver, and her immediate request for a copper plate: she had a specific image to be manifested as a print. The result, drawn in drypoint and engraving on a tarnished background, represents a five-legged animal and a symbolic "self portrait" of Bourgeois. Gazing enigmatically towards the viewer, the solitary creature's disproportionate number of limbs imbues the image with a dream-like quality. For Bourgeois, the imagery is emblematic of her family, and continues her investigation of autobiographical subject matter. As she states:

*This five legged creature represents my family.  
I grew up in a family of five in France and also raised  
a family of five of my own in New York.*

*My five legged animal is personal; it is a self portrait  
of my obligations. The idea of the family  
that stands together is very important to me.*

--Louise Bourgeois, 2007

*Self Portrait* was printed in a red-black ink mixture in an edition of 25. The paper was hand made in Germany, and includes a watermark of Bourgeois's initials ("LB") in the lower right corner. The print measures 9 x 9 ½ inches. The plate measures 4 x 6 inches.

For additional information please contact Harlan & Weaver. Price is available upon request. Please note that availability is subject to change.