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A RETURN TO JANUARY '82 THE CORCORAN SHOW REVISITED

The twenty artists in this exhibition at Luise Ross Gallery have been reunited to celebrate the anniversary of the Corcoran Gallery of Art's 1982 show, *Black Folk Art in America: 1930-1980*. Revealing a stream of creativity previously tucked into the cultural landscape of rural areas and cities throughout the South and Midwest, the original exhibition showcased art that was largely unknown at the time. There was much attention given to the strikingly simple forms, unexpected materials and richly emotive subjects of these works in 1982. Together, the combination of these artists provided a glimpse into an evolving field of self-taught or outsider art that was then in its infancy in this country. The current exhibition at Luise Ross Gallery, twenty years later, provides the opportunity for a reflective look at the seminal statement of this exhibition and its widespread legacy to the self-taught community within the art world today.

Jesse Aaron
Steve Ashby
David Butler
Ulysses Davis
William Dawson
Sam Doyle
James Hampton

William Edmondson
Sister Gertrude Morgan
Inez Nathaniel-Walker
Leslie Payne
Elijah Pierce
Nellie Mae Rowe
James 'Son Ford' Thomas

Mose Tolliver
Bill Traylor
George White
George Williams
Luster Willis
Joseph Yoakum

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