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#### **GREGORY GILLESPIE**

(1936-2000)

Burial Place, 1985 oil on mylar on board 18 ½ x 18 inches

# **Provenance**

The Artist (Forum Gallery, New York) Private Collection



# **Exhibited**

Gregory Gillespie: Recent Paintings, The Real and the Imagined, Forum Gallery, New York, NY, March  $1-29,\,1986$ 

Gregory Gillespie, Harcourts Modern and Contemporary Art, San Francisco, CA, May 1992

*Gregory Gillespie (1936-2000)*, Forum Gallery, New York, NY, January 19 – February 25, 2006

*Modern & Contemporary Landscapes*, Forum Gallery, Los Angeles, CA, January 12 – March 3, 2007

Gregory Gillespie: Paintings, Forum Gallery, New York, NY, February 25 – May 1, 2010

Peace on Earth, Forum Gallery, New York, NY, November 25 – December 30, 2011

### Literature

*Gregory Gillespie: Recent Paintings, The Real and the Imagined.* Forum Gallery, New York, NY, 1986, p. 9, Illustrated.

*Gregory Gillespie*, Harcourts Modern and Contemporary Art, San Francisco, CA, 1992, pl. 3, p. 11, Illustrated.



# Note

"In a piece like *Burial Place*, slanted into the scene – it looks like a storm cellar, drenched rotting browns patched over with hopeful, stringy green spears of grass and weeds – is the overworld, a sunlit airy place, and the sky. The picture is one of the many cellarscapes or gutterscapes Gillespie has made over the years; they are among his most amazing works, offering creepily sensuous views of the telluric world, of fungi, crushed grass, mud and grit, where the physical world is densest with corruption. *Burial Place* includes that piece of the world and of consciousness, the sky, home to so many of our gods, but sets it on the margins; the image is dominated by the quickened sexuality of matter, and by the darkness opening to an underworld."

\_W.S. Di Piero, exhibition presented by Harcourts Modern and Contemporary Art, San Francisco, CA, 1992; catalogue essay.