

## MY SOUL, YOU THOUGHT, 2021

Acrylic and sand on linen 47.25 in.  $\times 47.25$  in.  $\times 120$  cm.  $\times 120$  cm.

Jim Dine (b. 1935, Cincinnati) is an acclaimed American artist whose prolific, seven-decade career has left an indelible mark on modern and contemporary art. Emerging in the late 1950s as a pioneering figure of the Happenings movement, Dine helped reshape the boundaries between art and performance with his experimental live actions across New York City. Throughout his career, he has continued to defy categorization, engaging with movements such as Neo-Dada, Pop Art, and Neo-Expressionism while forging a distinctly personal path.

Dine's multidisciplinary practice spans painting, sculpture, assemblage, drawing, printmaking, performance, and poetry. Notably, poetry is central to his creative vision; he has published more than a dozen books of poems and frequently performs readings, echoing the spirit of his early happenings. Deeply autobiographical, his work is characterized by recurring motifs—tools, robes, and hearts—that serve as personal symbols and metaphors. The heart is one of Dine's most recognizable icons, offering the artist an architecture, or coat of arms, on which to explore the most personal and profound moments of his life.

Renowned for his technical mastery and constant innovation, Dine has exhibited widely, with work held in major museum collections including the Metropolitan Museum of Art, MoMA, and the Guggenheim in New York; the Centre Pompidou in Paris; the British Museum and Tate Britain in London; and the Albertina in Vienna, among many others. His art has been the focus of over 300 solo exhibitions around the world, at institutions such as the Stedelijk Museum, MoMA, the Guggenheim, the J. Paul Getty Museum, the Centre Pompidou, and the Palazzo delle Esposizioni.

Jim Dine's ever-evolving body of work reflects an ongoing exploration of self, memory, and material, manifesting in a highly distinctive visual language that continues to engage and inspire audiences worldwide.

Courtesy of the artist (@jimdinestudio)

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