



Counting Lessons in Purgatory

Date

1982

Primary Maker

Joel-Peter Witkin

Medium

Gelatin silver print

Description

Square composition with dark area filling more than bottom half of picture and light area at top. At center is a small nude figure, seated, with knees pointing toward left of picture and hands aligned on top of each other at center of torso. Figure has feet curled together. Covering its eyes is an elaborate columnar hat with a hole from which an eye is peering and a perpendicular element at the top. Three lines or wires cross the composition horizontally and appear to hold the body in place.

Dimensions

Image: 28 1/2 × 28 1/2 in. (72.4 × 72.4 cm) Frame: 39 3/4 × 40 × 1 1/2 in. (101 × 101.6 × 3.8 cm)