Basic Detail Report



Manhattan Slot

Date

1976

Primary Maker

John Burke

Medium

Metal

Dimensions

53 x 20 x 29 cm

Description

John Burke (1946 – 11 May 2006) was an Irish sculptor. He was born in Clonmel, County Tipperary. He attended the Crawford Municipal School of Art from 1964–67, winning the Cork Arts Society Award in 1967 and the McCauley Fellowship in 1970. He then went to London and worked

for a year as assistant to Bryan Kneale. His study of early 20th century Constructivism and of the work of David Smith led him to produce welded steel sculptures in which colour provided a final incidental and decorative element that disguised scrap-metal forms that would otherwise have been too readily recognisable. This is an abstract sculptural piece comprising of two vertical sections on a rectangular base. One of the vertical sections is taller than the other and they are fused together. The front of both vertical sections is steeply sloped. The sculpture is coloured metallic blue with a strip of black along the front and top of the smaller vertical section.