

Basic Detail Report



Monkey Business (Heroes)

Date

1986

Primary Maker

Mathews, Tom

Medium

Ink on CS10 paper

Description

"How can I explain this piece? The Marx brothers defy any sort of explanation. I have fifteen books about them and probably know more of Groucho's lines than he did and I still find it impossible to say what it is they had and have. Ionesco says he would have never written anything if it wasn't for them which is fine with me. Woody Allen uses a scene from their film Duck Soup to explain why life is worth living. Here's what the poet Martin Bell has to say about Groucho: "Black eyebrows, black cigar, Black painted moustache - A dark code of elegance In an age of nagging moustaches To discomfit the coarse mayor:' Un-poise the suave headmaster, Reduce all the old boys to muttering fury." That's what I say too. Un-poise headmasters and to hell with the old boys. And in the same poem Bell calls Groucho something else. He calls him 'A hero for the young.'" Tom Mathews

Dimensions

Object: 51 x 71 cm