



The Golden Future of America

Date

1976

Primary Maker

Robert Indiana

Medium

Screen print

Description

Pop Art "sign" with Ben Franklin's words celebrating U.S. Bicentennial in blue, red and gold. Like many of Robert Indiana's works, The Golden Future incorporates a famous quote, this time about American democracy. This positive theme, extended through imagery that references our coinage and paper money, alludes to America's economic well being. The phrase "Golden Future," certainly a pun,

might relate to either the gold standard that is the backbone of our monetary system, or to 1960s optimism during the JFK era. The title of the work might also provide a further link to Indiana's American Dream theme. Taken literally, it refers to the potentially lucrative, but speculative commodities market.

Dimensions

Sight: 22 3/8 x 17 3/8 in. (56.8 x 44.1 cm) Sheet: 26 1/8 x 20 1/8 in. (66.4 x 51.1 cm)