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03 JIM HODGES, *CRAIG'S CLOSET*, 2023



Jim Hodges, *Craig's Closet*, 2023, granite, bronze. Installation view, New York City AIDS Memorial Park. Photo: Daniel Greer.

After decades of colorful, frequently dazzling works, Hodges's *Craig's Closet* interrupts the artist's kaleidoscopic parade with a dark intermission. A doorless full-scale closet—made of charcoal-hued granite and bronze—was commissioned for the New York City AIDS Memorial Park. Every fiber of each exposed garment is meticulously rendered, the work a hyperreal shadow of an extremely private domain. When we lose someone close, their closet can become a site of surprising intimacy, a moving portrait of the dead. Positioned intentionally across from the former site of Saint Vincent's Hospital, *Craig's Closet* is a meaningful marker of deaths from AIDS during the worst years of the crisis.