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Important Banksy Street Piece Placed in Amsterdam - Heart Boy -

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The detached mural, measuring over 7 feet tall (2 meters) was originally created by Banksy in 2009 on the side of a building located at 27-30 Goswell Road in Islington, London, near Kings Cross Station. The mural shows a life-size young boy wielding a wet paintbrush, having just painted a large graffiti pink heart on a brick wall.

The demolition of the building in 2009 initiated the removal and conservation of the mural, which has remained in the owner's possession until now. A variation of this finished work was considered so special to Banksy that he prominently featured it in his own book 'Wall and Piece' (UK, Century, 2006). The stencil can be found in at least three different places throughout London including Tottenham Court Road, the roundabout at Old Street and on Rivington Street in Shoreditch.

One of the recurring themes that can be seen in Banksy's works is the simple one of a heart, which could represent love or even peace. In his piece known as 'Heart Boy', Banksy shows a young boy with a troubled look on his face and a large paintbrush held in both of his hands. There is bright pink paint on the brush, and on the wall next to the boy there is a pink heart that he appears to have just drawn.

Moco Museum opened its doors on April 9th of this year with the extensive Banksy exhibition 'Laugh Now' (April 9th - September 4th). Due to great success, the exhibition - which frequently renews its works - is prolonged until October 30th.

Heart Boy, 2009 :

Measurements : 87 in x 43 in x 18 in (220 cm x 110 cm x 45 cm)

Materials : Black aerosol stencil, pink acrylic on concrete and white-washed brick.

Weight : 2000 kg

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