



Edward Koren

***Witness to Extinction***

Pen and ink on paper, 21" x 14 ¼

Opening bid: \$1500.00

Artist statement: I've imagined the elegant Nicholas Goddard clock -- an instrument superbly crafted to guide us through the immediate passage of seconds, minutes, hours, days -- set down in a landscape of ruin and extinction. These are the measurements of eons and centuries, and are indicators of time on a different scale. Influenced by Elizabeth Kolbert's characterization of the current Sixth Extinction, this is a rumination on the long trajectory of life and civilization -- and on its perseverance and its fragility.

Artist Biography: Edward Koren was born in New York City, and attended the Horace Mann School and Columbia University. He did graduate work in etching and engraving with S.W. Hayter at Atelier 17 in Paris and received an MFA from Pratt Institute.

Koren has long been associated with *The New Yorker* magazine, where he has published over 1000 cartoons, as well as numerous covers and illustrations. He has also contributed to other publications, including, *The New York Times*, *Newsweek*, *Time*, *G.Q.*, *Vanity Fair*, *The Boston Globe*, and many more. He has illustrated several books by a variety of authors including, but not limited to, Delia Ephron, Pater Mayle, George Plimpton, and Alan Katz. Koren has also written and illustrated books for children and published six collections of cartoons which first appeared in *The New Yorker*.

Koren's cartoons, drawings and prints have been widely shown in exhibitions across the United States as well as in France, England and Czechoslovakia. A major retrospective of his work was shown at Columbia University's Wallach Gallery in 2010 and at the University of Vermont's Fleming Museum in 2011.

Koren received a Doctor of Humane Letters Degree from Union College and was awarded a John Simon Guggenheim Fellowship. He was a distinguished Visitor at The American Academy in Berlin, Germany in 2003, and in 2007 he received the Vermont Governor's award for Excellence in the Arts. Koren lives in Vermont with his family, where he has been a member of the Brookfield, Vermont Volunteer Fire Department for 29 years.