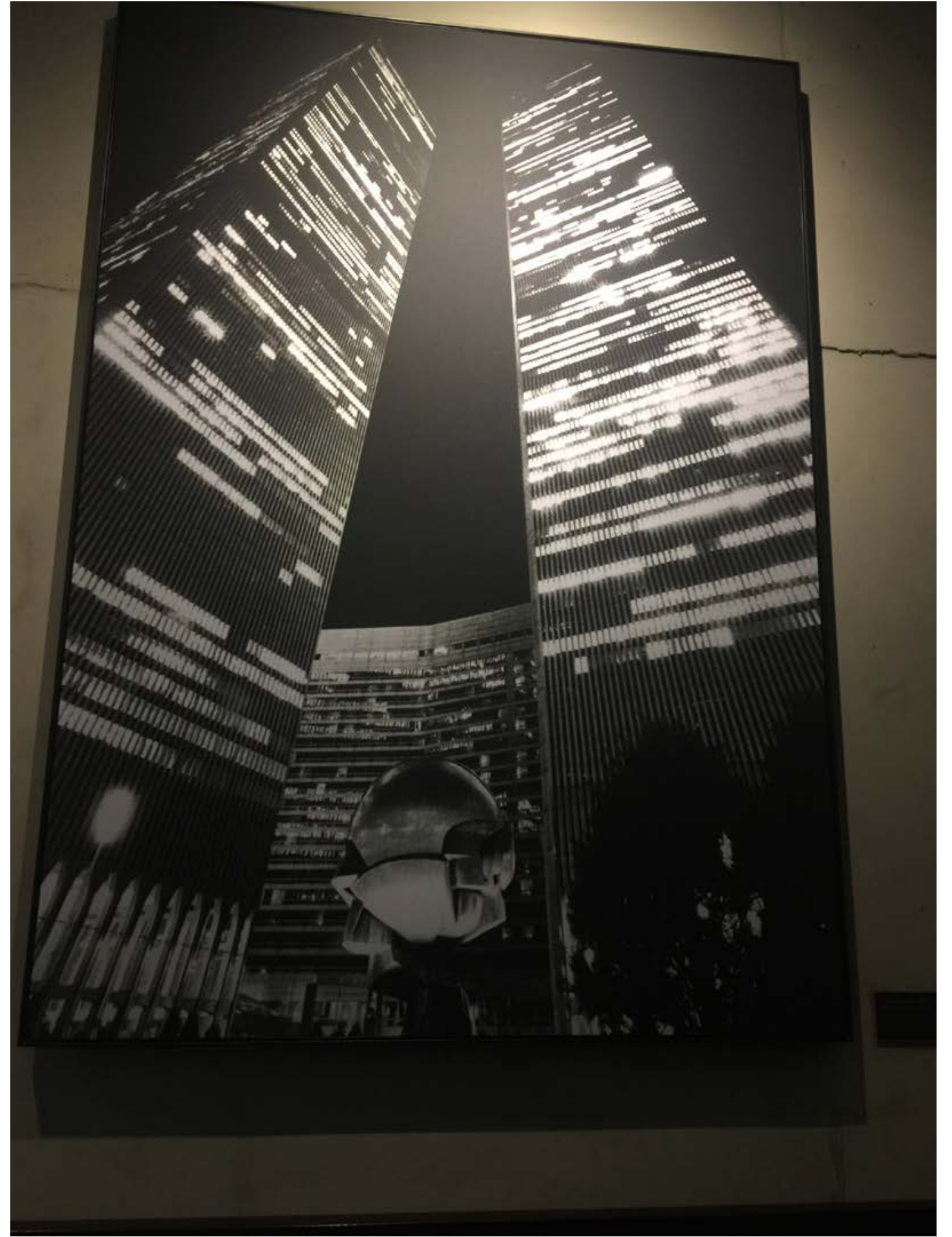


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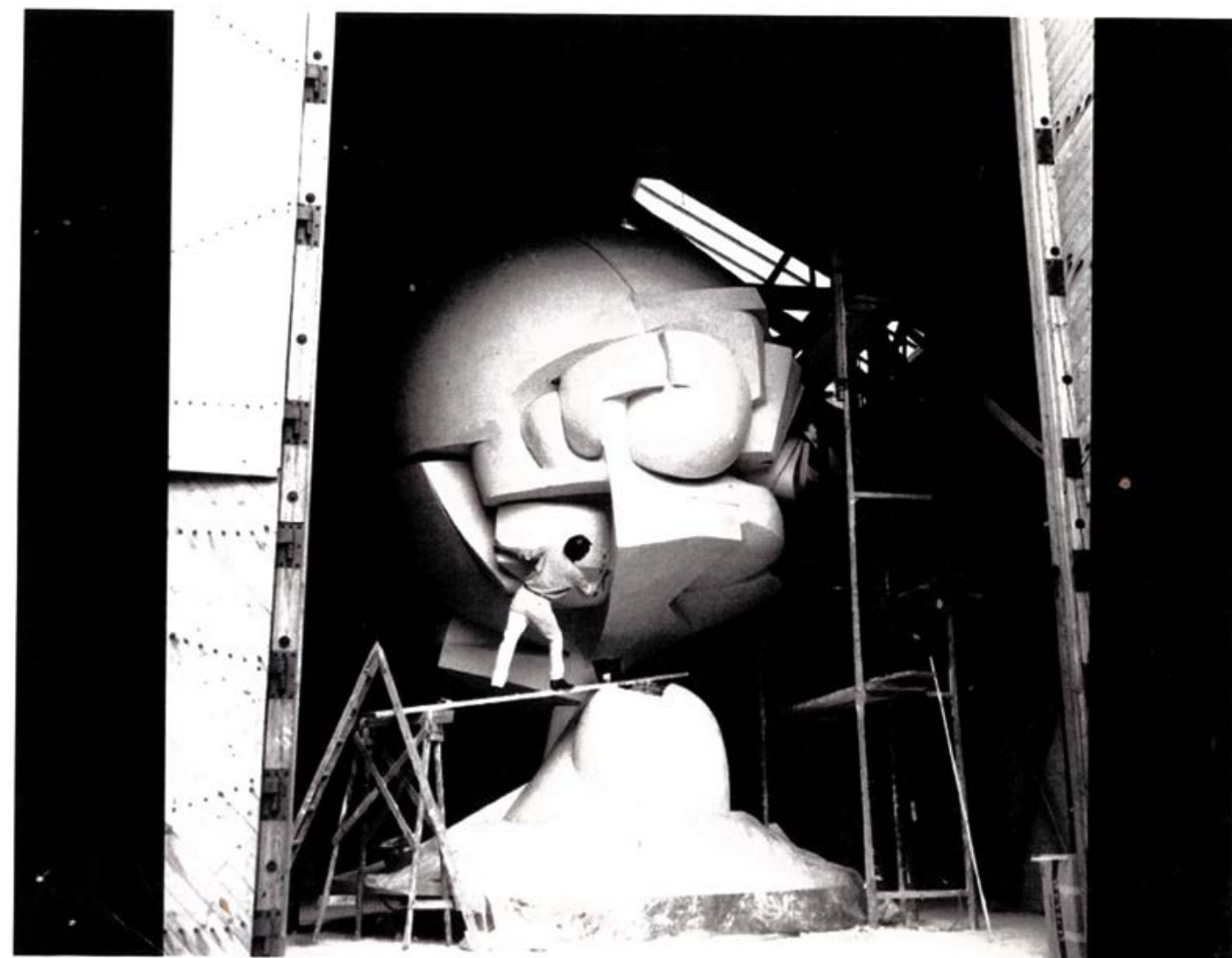














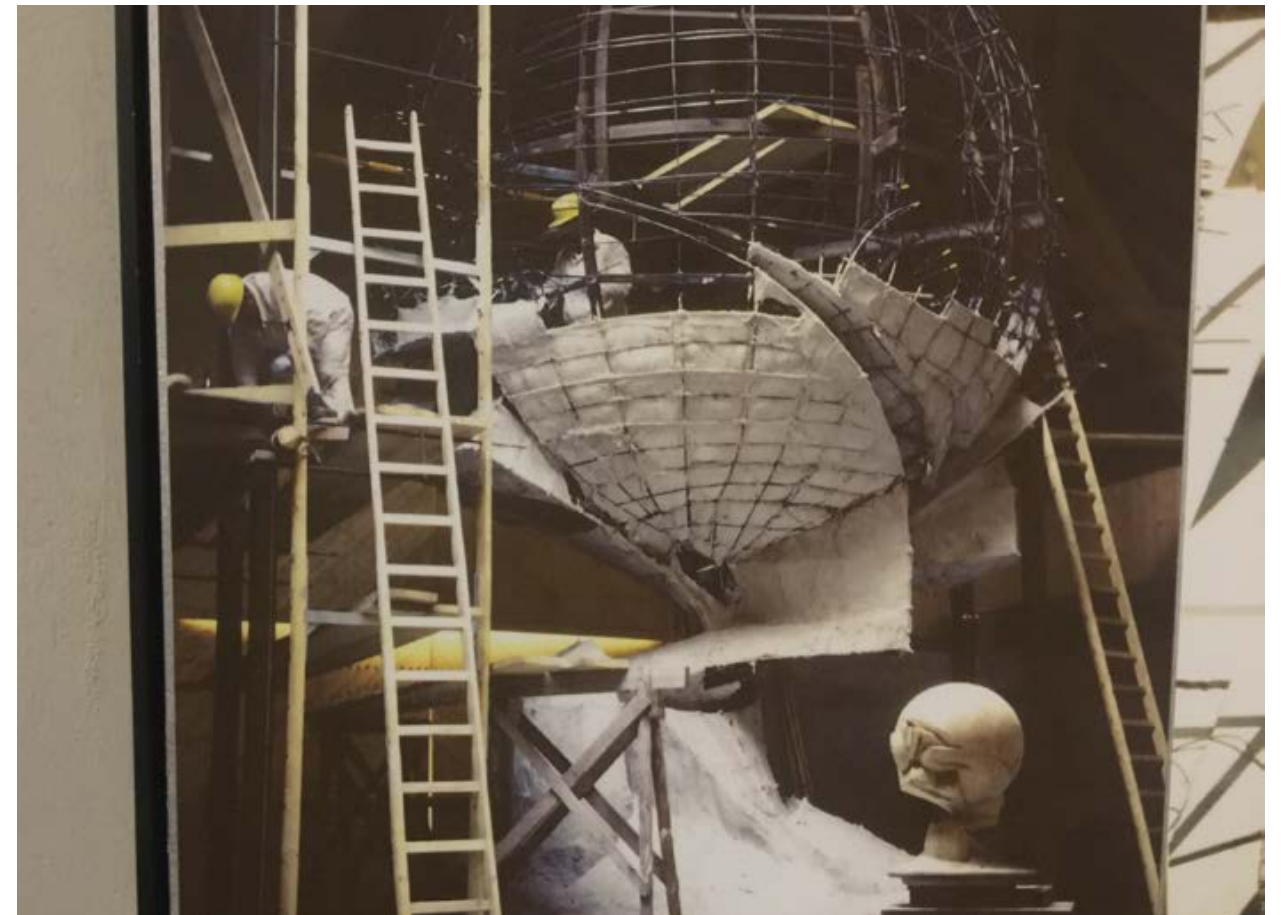
Model of *The Sphere* (*Große Kugelkaryatide*)

Fritz Koenig (German, 1924–2017)

Bronze

Collection 9/11 Memorial Museum, Gift of Fritz Koenig

This is a 1:12 scale model of Fritz Koenig's *The Sphere*, a monumental sculpture commissioned by World Trade Center architect Minoru Yamasaki and the Port of New York Authority, later renamed the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, for the World Trade Center Plaza. Installed between the Twin Towers in 1971, the sculpture sat atop a fountain that flowed across a circular expanse of polished stone and was designed to slowly rotate. Regarded as a symbol of world peace, *The Sphere* sustained significant damage in the terrorist attacks on 9/11 and emerged as a lasting symbol of resilience. In March 2002, it was installed in Battery Park as a temporary memorial to the victims of 9/11. The sculpture was relocated in 2017 to Liberty Park, just south of the new World Trade Center.









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