

BERNARD CATHELIN: BIOGRAPHY

Bernard Cathelin (1919-2004) was born in Paris and used his art to describe the love for his country he maintained throughout his life. As a student of the École Nationale Supérieure des Arts Décoratifs in Paris, Cathelin studied among artists such as Henri Matisse and Maurice Brianchon. However, his distinguished style separated him from his peers; Cathelin's work was painterly in an era where art was turning more and more to process. Primarily using brushes and palette knives with oil on canvas, Cathelin applied rich colors and textures to poetic subjects honoring his home country and travels. Though best known for his paintings, Cathelin was also a skilled lithographer who worked alongside Marc Chagall and Pablo Picasso in the Mourlot print shop in Paris.