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Oil On Paper Mounted On Canvas By Raymond Guerrier Provençal Landscape Signed 1960



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Signature : Raymond Guerrier

Period : 20th century

Condition : Très bon état

Material : Oil painting

Width : 41 cm

Height : 33 cm

Description

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Raymond Guerrier is a painter from the School of Paris born on January 3, 1920 in Paris. He lived since 1955 in Eygalières where he died on April 5, 2002.

The oldest listed painting by Raymond Guerrier dates from 1934. Self-taught, the artist places in his early youth, made for many of the visits to museums, the shaping of the austere temperament and the refusal of the picturesque that would characterize him. As an artist of rigor, he thus asserts: "the great elders above all taught me the primordial importance of severe composition"².

Raymond Guerrier said he was marked by the exhibition Georges Braque, the workshops, which

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he visited at the Galerie Maeght in 1947³. At the very beginning of the 1950s, while painting, he exercised by necessity the profession of photoengraver⁴. Receiving the Prix de la Jeune Peinture from the Galerie Drouant-David for his canvas *Poissons et masque* in 1953⁵, in 1954 he was a member of the jury alongside Paul Rebeyrolle, Bernard Buffet and André Minaux, three painters with whom he was then in contact. It is common to position oneself, through gloomy works, through a harshness of post-war pessimism, in the wake of Francis Gruber^{6,5}.

It was in 1955 that he discovered Provence⁷ and that, "of a solitary and taciturn character, he preferred to move away from Paris and live in Eygalières"⁸ where his neighbor was Jacques Winsberg and where he befriended the Provençal poet Charles Galtier. In 1961, he married Francesca, daughter of the painter Francis Montanier (1895-1974)⁹, herself a painter, but also a ceramist. In 1962 their daughter Juliette was born, in 1964 their son Francis and in 1966 their daughter Jeanne.

The landscape that surrounds him in Eygalières, as well as his travels which offer him to see Spain, Sardinia, Italy, Greece, Morocco, Jordan, Israel, bring Raymond Guerrier, from 1970, to lighten his palette (remaining nonetheless in "austere bare tones dominated by ochres" observes Gérard Schurr), then to gradually slide towards abstraction, the culmination of "a figuration reduced to its essence, a painting of large forms where only the essential rhythms are retained.

Pierre Basset, in his approach to a body of work that spans nearly seven decades, confirms what Raymond Guerrier's demanding quest was: "search for the essential, refusal of the anecdote, importance of reality and its depth, role -key of matter »¹⁰.

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les Bibliophiles de France, Marseille, 1958, 27
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large Rives vellum paper, edition: 200 numbered
copies.

Personal exhibitions

Galerie Stiébel, Paris, 1952, 1954, 1954, 1956,
1957, 195811.

Drouant-David Gallery, Paris, 1953.

Redfern Gallery, London, 1953, 195511.

Hammer Gallery, New York, 195711.

Bost Gallery, Valence (Drôme), 195711.

La Calade Gallery, Avignon, 195811.

Simone Badinter Gallery, Paris, 195911.

Galerie Motte, Geneva, 195811, 1966.

Herve Gallery, Paris, 1960, 1962, 1964.

Warrior retrospective, Musée de l'Athénée,
Geneva, 19624.

Jouvene Gallery, Marseilles, 1964, 1967.

Galleria Arte Moderno, Caracas, 1964.

Malaval Gallery, Lyon, 1966, 1972, 1977, 1980,
1983..

Thoth Gallery, Avignon, 1967.

Tamara Pfeiffer Gallery, Brussels, 1967, 1975,
1977.

Galerie de Paris, Paris, March 196812, 1970,
1971

Grand Mazel Gallery, Geneva, 1969.

River Gallery, Bordeaux, 1970, 1978.

Le Havre Museum of Fine Arts, 1971.

One hundred and fifteen paintings by Raymond
Guerrier, Museum of Art and History of
Saint-Denis, March-May 1972.

Municipal cultural center of Aubagne, 19734.

Helias Gallery, Paris, 1973.

Galerie Ducastel, Louis-XIV theater in place
Crillon, Avignon, 1973, 1974, 1976, July-August
1984 (Raymond Guerrier - Abandoning
appearances without losing reality)13.

Warrior retrospective, cellar of the

Châteauneuf-du-Pape castle, 19744.
Town Hall, Arcueil, 1974.
Spetier Room, Salon-de-Provence, 1976.
Palace of arts and culture, Brest, 1977.
Suillerot Gallery, Paris, 1977.
Cultural Center of Chateaufallon, Toulon, 1977.
Gallery of Three Abalones, Aix-en-Provence,
1978.
Aigalier Hall, Martigues, 1978.
Jean Houdremont Cultural Center, La Courneuve,
1979.
House of Culture, Ajaccio, 1979.
Saint-Guillaume Gallery, Paris, 1979.
Olivier Theater, Istres, 1980.
Gallery L'escapade, Geneva, 1980.
Contrasts Gallery, Limoges, 1981.
French Institute in Cologne, 1981.
Town Hall, La Seyne-sur-Mer, 1981.
Lower Hall Gallery, Martigues, 1982.
Frank Ricci Gallery, Avignon, 1982.
Local action for the plastic arts of Longèves
(Vendée), 1982.
Réattu Museum, Arles, 1984.
Chapel of the Grand Convent, Cavaillon, 1985,
19884.
Hélène Trintignant Gallery, Montpellier, 1986.
Milling Center, Mont-de-Marsan, 1986.
Flaran Abbey, Valence-sur-Baïse, 1987.
Cloister of the Cordeliers, Tarascon, 1987.
Alpilles Museum, Saint-Rémy-de-Provence,
1988.
Berlioz Gallery, Sausset-le
Carnot Gallery, Poitiers.
Senate Orangery, Luxembourg Palace, Paris,
1989.
Benedictine Palace, Fécamp, May-June 199014.
Florence Basset Gallery, Moulin de la Grande
Bastide, Flassans-sur-Issole, March-April
199615, 20026.
Paul-Valéry Museum, Sète, July-September 1996.
Sabine Vazieux Gallery, Paris, 2007, 200916.
Gallery 22, Coustellet, 2013.
Retrospective - Hundredth anniversary of the
birth of Raymond Guerrier, Estrine Museum,

Saint-Rémy-de-Provence, September-December
202017.

Collective exhibitions[modifier | edit code]

Salon des Indépendants, Paris, 1947, 1949,
19508,18, from 1953 to 195711.

Salon for under-thirties, Paris, 194811.

Autumn Salon, Paris, 1951-195711.

Salon in the rue de Seine, Paris, 1952.

Salon de la Jeune Peinture, Paris, 1953, 1954,
195511.

Salon of sacred art, Paris, 1953, 1954, 1955,
195811.

Salon of painters who witnessed their time, Palais
Galliera, Paris, 1954, 1956, 195711.

Paris School, Charpentier Gallery, Paris, 1954,
1956, 195711, 1960, 1961.

Portraits by thirty young painters, Galerie
Visconti, Paris, June 1955.

Biennial of Menton, 1955, 195711.

Turin Biennial, 195511, 1957.

Face of childhood: Raymond Guerrier, François
Heaulmé, Richard Bellias, Jean Commère, Jean
Pollet, Philippe Cara Costea, Galerie Simone
Badinier, Paris, 1956.

Salon Comparisons, Paris, 1956-195911.

Biennial of young painting and young sculpture,
Pavillon de Marsan, Paris, 1956-195911.

World Festival of Youth and Students, Moscow,
July-August 1957.

Biennial of Young Contemporary Painting,
Bruges, 1958.

Salon des Tuileries, Paris, 1958, 195911.

Bernard Buffet, Bernard Conte, Marcel
Cramoysan, Jef Friboulet, Raymond Guerrier,
Galerie Malaval, Lyon, 1964.

3rd Salon d'Angers, Raymond Guerrier and
André Brasilier guests of honor, 1966.

Provence and painters of today, Granet Museum,
Aix-en-Provence, 1967.

One hundred Provençal artists, Cantini Museum,
Marseille, 1971.

Art and the city - Festival of
painting-music-mime-poetry - Constantin
Andréou, Antonio Guansé, Serge Labégorre,

Jacques Lagrange, Robert Lapoujade,
Jean-Jacques Morvan..., church of Saint-Émilion,
September 1978.

21 large canvases by Raymond Guerrier - 27
sculptures by Constantin Andréou, Orangery of
the Château de Meudon, November 199514.

Group exhibition:

Philippe Cara Costea, Simone Dat, Raymond
Guerrier, François Heaulmé, Michel Thompson,
Claude Venard, Florence Basset Gallery,
Flassans-sur-Issole, September-November 1996.

Paintings from the 1950s-60s - Eduardo Arroyo,
Henri Déchanet, Jacques Doucet, Raymond
Guerrier, Alexandre Garbell... La Capitale
Galerie, November 2008 - January 2009.

Views: a century of views on the Alpilles -
Auguste Chabaud, Albert Gleizes, Raymond
Guerrier, André Marchand, Mario Prassinos,
Maurice-Élie Sarthou, René Seyssaud, Jacques
Winsberg, Estrine Museum,
Saint-Rémy-de-Provence, March-May 201519.

Twenty years of passion: Raymond Guerrier,
Roger Lersy, François Heaulmé, Bernard Lorjou,
Yvonne Mottet, Bernard Buffet, André Minaux...,
Galerie Florence Basset, Flassans-sur-Issole,
June-August 2015.

Provence, land of encounters between artists and
writers, Musée Regards de Provence, Marseille,
October 2015 - March 2016.

The rebels of modern art - Paris, the 1950s,
Mendjisky-Schools of Paris Museum, Paris,
October-December 201620,21.

Young Painting - Paul Aïzpiri, Jean-Pierre Alaux,
Bernard Buffet, Michel Ciry, Jean Commère,
Bernard Gantner, Raymond Guerrier, Jean
Jansem, André Minaux, Marcel Mouly, Michel
Patrice, Paul Rebeyrolle..., Baron-Martin Museum,
Gray (Haute-Saône), July-October 2017.

Theater decorations

Génousie, play by René de Obaldia, with Jean Rochefort directed by Roger Mollien, Théâtre Récamier, Paris, 1960. Sets and costumes by Raymond Guerrier²².

Quotes[edit | edit code]

Sayings of Raymond Guerrier

"I haven't finished taking the teachings of the great elders, provided I don't paint like them... I try to stay very close to nature, through all the transpositions from stone, or water, or the fruit, or the flesh... right down to the tube: I'm trying! - Raymond Guerrier²³

Critical reception

"Canvases that possess this plenitude that only belongs to works where the spirit and the hand merge in the same action. -Jean Chabanon²⁴

"Warrior admires Rembrandt. "But, he said, if I listen to the lesson of the great elders, I don't want to paint like them". To place things in a climate of mystery, Rembrandt used chiaroscuro. Warrior can achieve the same effect by other means. In fact, the impression that emerges from his paintings is rather an impression of suffocation obtained by the suppression of atmospheric perspective, the use of muted colors and the importance of matter. This is made visible by scratches traced in full paste by means of a nail. - Knowledge of the arts²⁵

"His painting, like him, is secretive, a little rough in the bark, and does not reveal itself at first approach... The tones of his palette ignore the colors of the prism, of an anonymous laboratory purity; however, their gravity shakes the sensibility, corresponds moreover to the confused feeling of concern proper to our time. - Jean Dalevèze²⁶

"The painter settled in Provence, in Eygalières, in 1955: the landscape that surrounds him decanted his vision: a figuration reduced to its essence, austere bare tones dominated by ochres and still lifes that form the best of his work. Guerrier retains only the large forms, the essential rhythms. - Gerald Schurr¹⁴

"Discreet and modest, Guerrier refuses confidences, politely referring to his paintings. His painting is in his image, an austere art, mirror of an era when we do not always see life in color, canvases dominated by grays and blacks, often very thick, sometimes straight out of the tube. During the 1950s as thereafter, human representation was most often neglected... The forms, of massive simplicity, asserted themselves more and more refined, geometric. Sometimes, brighter tones, ochres, oranges illuminate the composition, often imposing formats with masterful force. Subsequently, the painter's work, which always solicits the real, illustrates the opacity of the border between abstraction and figuration and the retrospective futility of past quarrels. Evidenced by his still lifes and landscapes refined to the extreme where only a few lines still evoke the subject. Blacks and whites still dominate, but the palette opens up to white, creating contrasts that further accentuate the geometry of the composition. - Eric Mercier

Awards and Recognition

Prize for Young Painting 1953.

Knight of Arts and Letters 1957.

Public collections

Royal Library of Belgium, Brussels.

France

Toulouse-Lautrec Museum, Albi, The rabbit, oil on canvas 100x81cm11.

Réattu Museum, Arles.

Calais Museum of Fine Arts, Still life with horse skull, oil on canvas 97x146cm11.

André-Malraux Museum of Modern Art, Le Havre.

Sacred Art Center of Lille

Cantini Museum, Marseille, The olive trees, oil on canvas 60x92cm11.

Museum of art and history of Meudon.

Museum of Modern Art of the City of Paris, The ponies, oil on canvas 162x130cm, 1964.11.

National Museum of Modern Art, Paris.

Pau Museum of Fine Arts, Bullfighting, oil on canvas 195x130cm¹¹.

Sainte-Croix Museum, Poitiers, The beach of Croix-de-Vie, oil on canvas 89x116cm¹¹.

National Contemporary Art Fund, Puteaux, including deposits¹¹:

Place Lucien Herr, oil on canvas 89x116cm, Embassy of France in the United Kingdom, London.

Landscape, oil on canvas 73x92cm, National Assembly, Paris.

The circus, oil on canvas, 130x162cm, sub-prefecture of Saint-Jean-d'Angély.

Denys-Puech Museum, Rodez, Still life with duck, oil on canvas, 1960¹¹.

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French Embassy in London.

National Museum of History and Art, Luxembourg.

Flag of Switzerland

Pully Art Museum (Switzerland)²⁷.

United States

St. Louis Art Museum (Missouri)²⁵.

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Tokyo Museum of Modern Art.

Flag of Venezuela Venezuela

Caracas Museum of Fine Arts.

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