

Exhibition at Ketterer Kunst Berlin: The Günter Hackenberg Collection

Antonio Calderara

”... A Reality of Imagination“



Antonio Calderara
Ritratto, 1928
Oil on canvas
51 x 41 cm / 20,07 x 16,14 inch



Antonio Calderara
Pittura – Variazioni cromatiche, 1969/71
Oil on wood
27 x 18 cm / 10,6 x 7,1 in

- **Opening on September 9, 2022 at 7 p.m. with an inaugural speech from Prof. Dr. Andreas Bee**
- **Start of Berlin Art Week: Exhibition from September 10 – November 12, 2022 at the Berlin branch office of Ketterer Kunst**
- **Abstract painting reminiscent of Mediterranean landscapes: Poetic silence and suggestive magic**

Berlin, July 7, 2022 (KK) – He pursued his path from figurative to abstract painting with great consistency: As of **September 10**, Ketterer Kunst **Berlin** shows an exhibition of more than 40 works by Antonio Calderara (1903-1978) from the **Dr. Günter Hackenberg Collection , Munich**.

Characterized by a reduced palette to just a few colors and a systematically constructed style, his small-sized abstract paintings from the 1960/70s are both minimalistic and magic. They play with our imagination, as they show representational motifs and landscapes in a reduced and abstract manner. Those who want to follow the tracks of the Northern Italian artist to the Lago d'Orta find respective hints in the gentle colors of his panels. Thus his work is exemplary of a subtle painting in which many details reveal themselves only after longer observation. Up until 1959, he exclusively painted representational pictures: portraits, still lifes and landscapes.

“The exhibition provides insight into Calderara’s artistic development from figurative beginnings to a formally reduced pictorial language“, says Dr. Simone Wiechers, head of Ketterer Kunst Berlin. **“Unlike it is usually the case, the collector did not frame most of the panels behind glass and thus allows the observer a more direct access to Calderara’s subtle color field painting. I am very delighted that Dr. Günter Hackenberg entrusted us with these extremely fragile loans for our exhibition in Berlin, so that our audience can enjoy all the works that are part of his daily life.“**

Calderara’s works featured in the Biennale in Venice and the documenta in Kassel from an early point on. In 2018, the Ernst Barlach Haus in Hamburg showed the most recent grand Antonio Calderara retrospective.

On September 9 at 7 p.m., the exhibition “Antonio Calderara. A Reality of Imagination“ will be opened by Dr. Simone Wiechers, exhibition curator and head of the Berlin branch office of Ketterer Kunst, as well as by the author and art historian Prof. Dr. Andreas Bee, deputy director of the Frankfurt ‘Museum für Moderne Kunst‘ between 2005 and 2009 and a leading Calderara expert.

What ? Antonio Calderara – Exhibition of around 40 paintings and paper works

When ? Opening: Friday, September 9, 2022, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Exhibition: Saturday, September 10 to Saturday, November 12, 2022
Hours: Monday – Saturday from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Where ? Ketterer Kunst, Fasanenstr. 70, 10719 Berlin-Charlottenburg

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