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## JACQUES ZUCKER REDISCOVERED

Oil Paintings by Jacques Zucker DECEMBER 2, 2015 - FEBRUARY 17, 2016



Jacques Zucker, Interior Scene of Woman in Paris, Ca.1950. Oil on canvas, 24 x 31.5 inches

New York—Lilac Gallery New York is pleased to present "Jacques Zucker Rediscovered" an exhibition from a curated selection of works by Jacques Zucker, from December 2, 2015 - January 8, 2016. The exhibition will open with a reception on December 2 from 7-9 p.m.

Presenting a wonderful impressionistic collection of works by Jacques Zucker ranging from his early to his later years. Jacques Zucker was born in 1900 in Radom, Poland. He was a notably famous Jewish American artist mostly known for his impressionistic figure paintings. In his young years he traveled to Palestine to study fine arts at the Bezalel Art School in Jerusalem and served in the First World War. It was in the 1920's when he painted along side Soutine, Pascin, Zadkine, Chagall, Kremegne, Volovick, and Indenbaum; all of them still unknown and poor at the time sharing similar interests of their hopes and their beliefs.

Through all of life's harsh challenges, Jacques Zucker's ultimate passion was to paint scenes of beauty and tranquility to share with the world. As the artist would say in his own words "I do not paint for money or out of a sense of obligation. Neither do I paint for love of success. I paint out of gratitude to God for all the riches he sends me to enjoy. I paint for my own sake because art is the surest way to liberty, to escape life's problems (even though it may create more difficult ones). For me art is personal salvation and spiritual release."



Having faced hardships of heartbreak when his Father remarried at age 13, Zucker ran away to Palestine to study art. It was through this breakthrough that allowed him to nourish his love for art and surround himself with beauty in the making. In 1917 Zucker served in the Frist World War; his then struggle as an artist was not to bring back gruesome images of War, but to absorb the lush landscapes of his travels while serving. Anxieties, feelings of violence, or revolt can disrupt the ultimate calm and sweet gentleness of his canvasses that he so much sought after to achieve. His paintings remain visions of serenity and life-giving optimism. Instead of observing war scenes, the young soldier's dreamy eyes drank in the beauty of the countries that he traveled and took in their remarkable museums and antiquities.

The result of his lifetime work is astonishing; his unique styles of impressionistic subjects are rich with life, color and enthusiasm. His ultimate passion to paint with his heart and not for the aim of "success" is truly felt in every single painting. Jacques Zucker has left us with an incredible body of work now residing in Museums and collections around the world.

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