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John Von Wicht (1888-1970) – *The 50s & 60s - Selections on Paper*

Online Exhibition: September 5-October 6, 2019



Caldwell Gallery Hudson is pleased to present an online exhibition of John Von Wicht works on paper created in the 1950s and 60s. Born in Holstein, Germany in 1888, Von Wicht began his studies of art while still in elementary school under the tutelage of Gerhard Bakenhus. Critical acclaim for his first exhibited work led to Von Wicht being accepted into the private art school of the Grand Duke of Hesse in Darmstadt. From there went on to study at the Royal School of Fine & Applied Arts in Berlin.

After WWI Von Wicht immigrated to New York City in 1923, where he found work in lithography, and later a mosaic tile company. He participated in the WPA (Federal Arts Project) working with fellow artists Byron Browne, Louis Schanker, and Stuart Davis on murals, stained glass, and mosaics in multiple Federal buildings along the east coast.

Later in the 1930's Von Wicht became a member of the American Abstract Artists Group (AAA). At this time his work started to transition into linear abstractions, often with a geometric style which reflected his interest in cubism. Over time these abstractions matured into a unique style best described as lyrical expressionism. During his career, Von Wicht had more than thirty one-man shows, exhibited at countless museum group shows, and won more than twenty-five art awards. Honored with a 1954 residency at the MacDowell Artists Colony, Von Wicht began creating an innovative series of works on rice paper. After the residency he continued these visual meditations over the next fifteen years.

In 1969 the artist selected a group of over one hundred works as a gift to a close personal friend. We are featuring a selection of twenty-four of these works in this online exhibition. They survive in pristine condition due to having never been matted, framed, glued, taped nor exposed to light since they were painted. A portfolio of works will be available to view at our Hudson gallery.

About Caldwell Gallery Hudson

For more than 46 years, the Caldwell family has bought and sold fine American art of the 19th and 20th centuries. Our clients include more than thirty museums, and many notable private collectors. Since 2014 the gallery has been located on Warren Street and open to the public in historic Hudson, New York.

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