

BOB KANE


1937 - 2013



Abstract Flowers, 1968

Oil on linen, 43 x 56 in


BOB KANE ESTATE PROSPECTUS



“His joyous vision is supported by his sweeping brush strokes that are full of color and atmosphere”
– Will Barnet

“His color sings, sometimes shouts, and practically all but dances off the wall.”
– Richard J. Boyle

“I am permanently indebted to you for all the gaiety you have brought to our house”
– Audrey Hepburn



Born in Cleveland, Ohio in 1939, Kane spent a short time at Cornell University and then found his way to the artists’ colony at Provincetown, Massachusetts in the summer of 1956. In the fall of that year, the aspiring artist discovered the classes of Will Barnet at the Art Students League in New York City. Barnet, a widely respected and long-time artist-teacher, was the single most important influence in Kane’s career. “The first time I saw Bob Kane’s work,” Barnet wrote, “I recognized his unique talent. His painting had an energy and an explosive force.” From Barnet, Kane learned structure and control of space, developing his characteristic use of large, flattened planes of expressive color.

Sense of place was an important part of his work, and other than Provincetown, where he spent many summers, he also repeatedly returned to Italy and France. The Mediterranean inspired many paintings that capture the colorful breeziness and festivity of the coastal towns like Positano, Nice, and Menton.

Bob Kane had many solo exhibitions throughout his long career. He exhibited in New York at Bertha Schaefer Gallery and Hollis Taggart, in Los Angeles at Ankrum Gallery, in Florida at Harmon-Meek Gallery, in France at the Musée de St. Paul de Vence, and in Toyko at the American Embassy, among many others. He enjoyed relationships with many interesting figures who collected his work, including actors Audrey Hepburn, Al Pacino, Leonard Nimoy, and Mary Tyler Moore; and major collectors such as Edward Broida and Olga Hirshhorn. His works are included in more than thirty museum permanent collections. Recent inclusions were in 2011 at the Museum of Modern Art in New York and in 2012 at the Orlando Museum of Art in Florida.



Terrace Positano, 2002

Watercolor on paper, 22 x 29 ³/₄ in



Paul Benedict, Faye Grant,
Bob Kane, and Steve Collins
celebrating the completion of
Bev and Sky Smith mural



Untitled #2 (Strawberries & Anemones) Oil on linen, 21 x 27 in



Maxim's de Paris

Lithograph and watercolor, 22 ¼ x 30 in



Moroccan Fountain WC on paper, 30 x 22 in



Terrace Cannes Oil on linen, 51 x 40 in



Restaurant of Two Thieves

Oil on linen, 39 1/2 x 49 1/2 in



Villa L'Incanto (The Enchanted) Positano II, Oil on linen, 57 ¾ x 50 in

“Bob loved to paint, we found paintings behind the dresser, the kitchen cabinets, and in the closet; we even found paintings stretched over other paintings!”
- Glenn Macura



Cinzano (Provincetown), Oil on linen, 37 ½ x 45 ½ in



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Oil on linen, 50 x 40 in

ESTATE INFORMATION

There are currently over 540 works remaining in the estate inventory, including 300+ paintings, 200+ watercolors, and 4 lithographs that have 20-50 available prints in each series. Approximately 300 of these pieces are in Naples, Florida and 200 are in storage in New York, New York. Bob Kane's work has continued to have consistent sales since his death in 2013. Because of the recent death of his wife Eva, the artworks have been held off the market until her estate was resolved. Now that the estate has been settled, Bob's work can once again be offered to galleries and collectors on the open market.

If you are interested in learning more about Bob's artwork and the available pieces, please contact us at info@gamacurainc.com



SELECTED EXHIBITION HISTORY AND NOTABLE COLLECTIONS

BOB KANE

b. 1937 Cleveland, OH

d. 2013 New York, NY

EDUCATION

Cornell University, Pratt Institute
Art Students League

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

Bertha Schafer Gallery, New York 1968, 1970,
1972, 1974
Ankrum Gallery, Los Angeles 1969, 1974, 1979,
1981, 1986
Galerie Marcel Bernheim, Paris 1970
J. Walter Thompson Gallery, New York 1970
Musée de St. Paul de Vence, France 1974, 1990
Circle Gallery, New Orleans 1976
Barker Gallery, Palm Beach, Florida 1977
Harmon-Meek Gallery, Naples, Florida 1989 - 2002
George Meyers Gallery, Los Angeles 1990
Ann Howard Gallery, Washington D.C. 1992
Gallery BA, New York 1998
Hollis Taggart, New York, 2006

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

Lytton Museum, Los Angeles 1967
Joslyn Art Museum, Omaha, Nebraska 1968
Rochester Museum, New York 1968
Ringling Museum, Sarasota, Florida 1969
Oklahoma Art Center, Tulsa, Oklahoma 1970
Fort Wayne Art Museum, Indiana 1971
Biennale of Painters of the Mediterranean, Nice,
France 1973
Biennale de Menton, France 1974
Cincinnati Museum, Ohio 1974
Albright-Knox Gallery, Buffalo, New York 1974
Palm Springs Desert Museum, California 1978,
1980, 1983, 1988, 1990
Musée de St. Paul de Vence, France 1978, 1981,
1983, 1989, 1991
Ankrum Gallery, Los Angeles 1982, 1983
American Embassy, Tokyo, Japan 1988 – 1992
American Embassy Bern, Switzerland, 1988 –
1992
Harmon-Meek Gallery, Naples, Florida 1998-2002
George Myers Gallery, Los Angeles 1991
Golden Gallery, Nice, France 1991 – 1992
Caroline Hill Gallery, New York 1994
Orlando Museum of Art, Florida 1998
Sharjah Art Museum, UAE 1998
Biennale Marbella, Spain 2000

MUSEUM COLLECTIONS

Arkansas Art Center, Little Rock
Bass Museum of Art, Miami, Florida
Boca Raton Museum of Art, Florida
Butler Institute of American Art, Youngstown, Ohio
Cincinnati Art Museum, Ohio
Everhart Museum of Art, Scranton, Pennsylvania
Joseph H. Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Gar-
den, Washington D.C.
Museum of Fine Arts, St. Petersburg, Florida
The Museum of Modern Art, New York, New York
Palm Springs Desert Museum, California
Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts, Philadelphia
Naples Museum of Art, Florida
Orlando Museum of Art, Florida

PRIVATE COLLECTIONS

Dolph von Arx and Sharon Landolt von Arx
Will Barnet and Elena Barnet
Sally von Barron
Paul Benedict
David Broida and Julie Broida
Eric Broida and Tara Broida
Edward R. Broida and Gisèle Broida
Renée Butler
Ivan Chermayeff
Jill Clayburgh and David Rabe
Steve Collins and Faye Grant
Harrick Connick, Sr. and Anita Livingston
Harry Connick, Jr. and Jill Goodacre
Frederick de Cordova and Janet Thomas de Cor-
dova
Brian Cox and Caroline Burt
Jamie Lee Curtis and Christopher Guest
Marc Fletcher and Joan Fletcher
Audrey Hepburn
Olga Hirshhorn
Frederick Kimball
Anne LeConey
Bob Mackie
Terrance McNally
Mary Tyler Moore
Leonard Nimoy
Al Pacino
Betsy Palmer
Christopher Plummer and Elaine Taylor
Jay Rossback and Linda Rossback
Tom Saunders III and Mary Jordan Horner
Connie Wald