

FABIAN & CLAUDE WALTER GALERIE

ROLF ISELI Paintings 1960 – 1980

Guest exhibition of Barr & Ochsner Gallery

Opening: Wednesday, 27 February 2019, 6 – 8 pm

Duration of exhibition: 28 February – 30 March 2019

Barr & Ochsner gallery is hosted by the Fabian & Claude Walter Gallery. We are pleased to present paintings by Rolf Iseli from 1960 until 1980.

Rolf Iseli certainly belongs to the most important and most impressive representatives of the artistic avant-garde of the postwar era. He exhibits worldwide until today and is represented in numerous national and international museums.

Iseli was born in Bern in 1934. His talent was discovered very early on. From 1950 to 1954 he trained as a lithographer at the Bern School of Applied Arts and attended courses in nude and form drawing on a voluntary basis. After his studies, he received a scholarship in Paris. During this time, he made important contacts with young American artists such as Sam Francis and Al Jenkins.

His paintings were acclaimed early on, but he never wanted to be confined artistically. In this self-creating open space he developed an impressive and very interesting artistic career.

1957	First solo exhibition in the „Galerie 33“ in Bern
1950 – 1966	Mostly oil paintings in the abstract expressionism style „Abstrakte Komposition“, 1964
1962 – 1976	Travels to New York, Moscow and China
1966 – today	Last oil paintings, focusing on lithographs, engravings, watercolors and collages. Large format prints „Röntgenbild (Champignon Bleu)“, 1975
1967 – 1968	Creation of his distinctive cast iron objects
1971	First works of „Materialmalerei“ and „Erdbilder“, where he uses soil as well as bulrush and nails. „Mit Stroh vor dem Grind“, 1976

To this day, he uses this special technique and developed it steadily. Rolf Iseli lives and works in Bern and Saint-Romain (Burgundy), France.

The paintings shown are almost exclusively from a private collection. After the death of the owners, the heirs have now decided to make this collection available to the public and to offer for sale.

We are pleased to present you this as a premiere.

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