
Bertram Brooker won the country's first Governor General's Award for literature in 1936 for his novel Think of the Earth, and his explosive, experimental paintings hang in every major gallery in the country. He was Canada's first multidisciplinary avantgardist, successfully experimenting in literature, visual arts, film, and theatre. Brooker brought all of his experimental ambitions to his short fiction and prose.  

Bertram Brooker was born in Croydon, England, in 1888. He moved to Manitoba with his family in 1905, where he spent his youth and early adulthood. In 1921 he moved to Toronto, where he became involved in magazine publishing and advertising. He died in 1955. Gregory Betts is assistant professor at Brock University.  

Description: Bertram Richard Brooker 1886 - 1955 Canadian oil on board Abstract / Trees (verso) 14 7/8 x 11 5/8 inches 37.8 x 29.5 centimeters  

Provenance: Acquired directly from the Artist by the present Private Collection, Vancouver  

Bertram Brooker was an accomplished artist and writer, with his greatest contribution being to the emergence and development of abstract art in Canada.  

Estimate: CAD1,200 - CAD1,600. Description: Bertram Richard Brooker 1886 - 1955 Canadian oil on board Abstract Fish 11 1/2 x 14 7/8 inches 29.2 x 37.8 centimeters  

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Please note: this work is unframed.  
