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L'atelier Devant la Mer

Jean Pierre Cassigneul (B.1935)

Oil on canvas, signed. Inscribed and dated 2018 verso.

Canvas size: 57.5 x 45in / 146 x 114cm

Frame size: 66 x 53.5in / 168 x 136cm

LITERATURE

This painting is accompanied by a certificate of authenticity from the artist.

ARTIST BIOGRAPHY

French painter Jean Pierre Cassigneul studied at the École des Beaux Arts in Paris and held his first one-man exhibition at the age of 17. Cassigneul went on to exhibit in various group exhibitions, including the Salon d'Automne in Paris (of which he was member from 1959), the Salon de la Jeune Peinture, and Meubles Tabeaux an exhibition held in 1977 at the Centre Beau Bourg. For several years after his first exhibition there in 1965, he had a contract with The Gallery Bellechase in Paris. Having had a private exhibition at the Galerie Tivey-Faucon in Paris, it was here that he met another art dealer, Kioyoshi Tamenaga, who represented his work in Japan. Cassigneul has been extremely popular there ever since, and an exhibition was organised to celebrate his fifty years of work, which travelled through seven major cities in Japan. His work has also been exhibited extensively throughout Europe, and the United States, including shows at the Galerie Tivey Faucon and Galerie Bellechase, Paris, and Wally Findlay Gallery, New York. Cassigneul has also painted several commissions for theatres and hotels and has illustrated several books, including *Le Tour de Malheur* by Joseph Kessel.

Cassigneul creates beautiful, striking compositions of young women, often in floral hats reminiscent of Les Nabis, the early 20th century French Post-Impressionist avant-garde painters. They were in turn inspired by Japanese colored woodblock prints and decorative arts, and looking at Cassigneul's paintings, you can see this influence clearly. His work also reminds us of that of the expressionist painter Kees van Dongen, especially in his dramatic elongated and stylized portraits and his use of intense and vibrant colour.

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