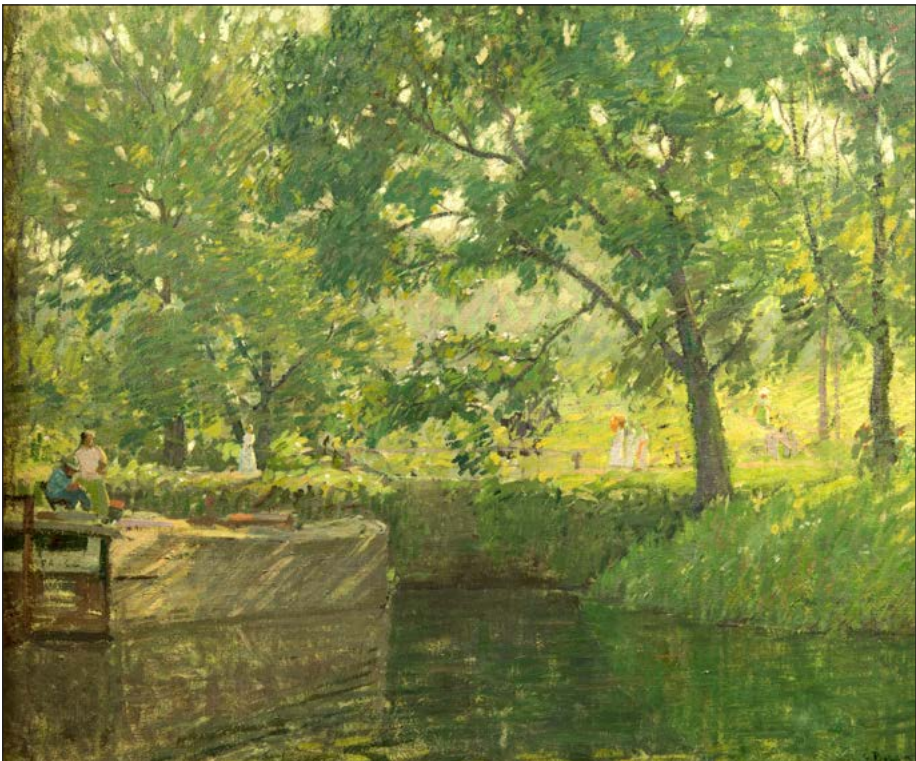


Michener Art Museum Mounts Retrospective On Pennsylvania Impressionist Rae Sloan Bredin



Rae Sloan Bredin’s “Where the Canal Widens” is on view at the James A. Michener Art Museum through July 15 in the exhibit “Rae Sloan Bredin: Harmony and Power.”

DOYLESTOWN, PENN. —The James A. Michener Art Museum presents “Rae Sloan Bredin: Harmony and Power,” an exhibition showcasing the work of renowned Pennsylvania Impressionist painter Rae Sloan Bredin (1880–1933), whose work is characterized by refinement, dignity and serenity. As much of Bredin’s oeuvre is privately held, this show marks his first solo retrospective in 85 years.

Bredin’s paintings depict an idyllic vision of life along the Delaware River, replete with dappled sunlight, arched shadows, sparkling water and towering trees. Unlike most of his local peers, Bredin’s paintings often include figures in formal portraits, especially women and children, as well as images in natural settings and intimate interiors.

“Though active during the rise of Modernism, Bredin’s style remained consistent throughout his career,” said Louise Feder, assistant curator and interim chief curator. “Thoughtful and deliberate, he was committed to creating scenes of true beauty and elegance. His slow, painstaking process resulted in spectacular paintings that feel both grand and effortless, many of which have been in demand by collectors and institutions, both during his life and after his sudden death at age 52.”

Bredin’s life, work and career are lasting evidence of New Hope’s essential nature as an art colony. While Bredin’s formal education was complete before his first trip to Bucks County, the awards, commissions, sales and exposure that defined his mature career are closely linked to his position within this particular community. The exhibition takes a comprehensive look at Bredin’s life and career, touching on the lasting influences of his community and the creative environment for which his paintings are known to so powerfully depict.

“Rae Sloan Bredin: Harmony and Power” is on view through July 15. The James A. Michener Art Museum is at 138 South Pine Street. For additional information, www.michenerartmuseum.org or 215-340-9800.

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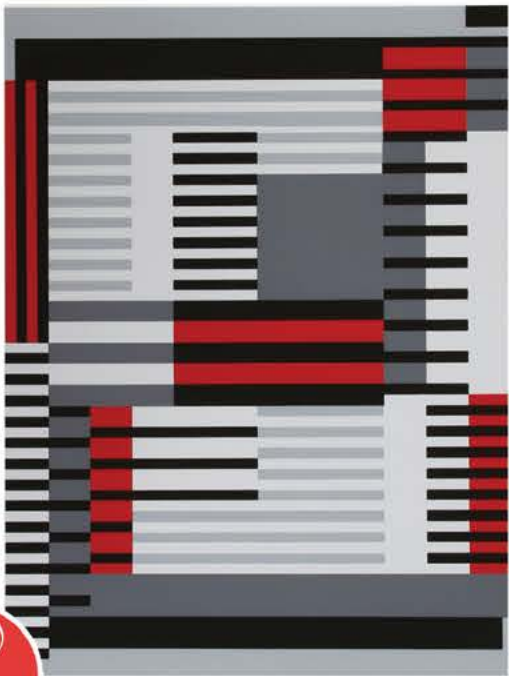


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