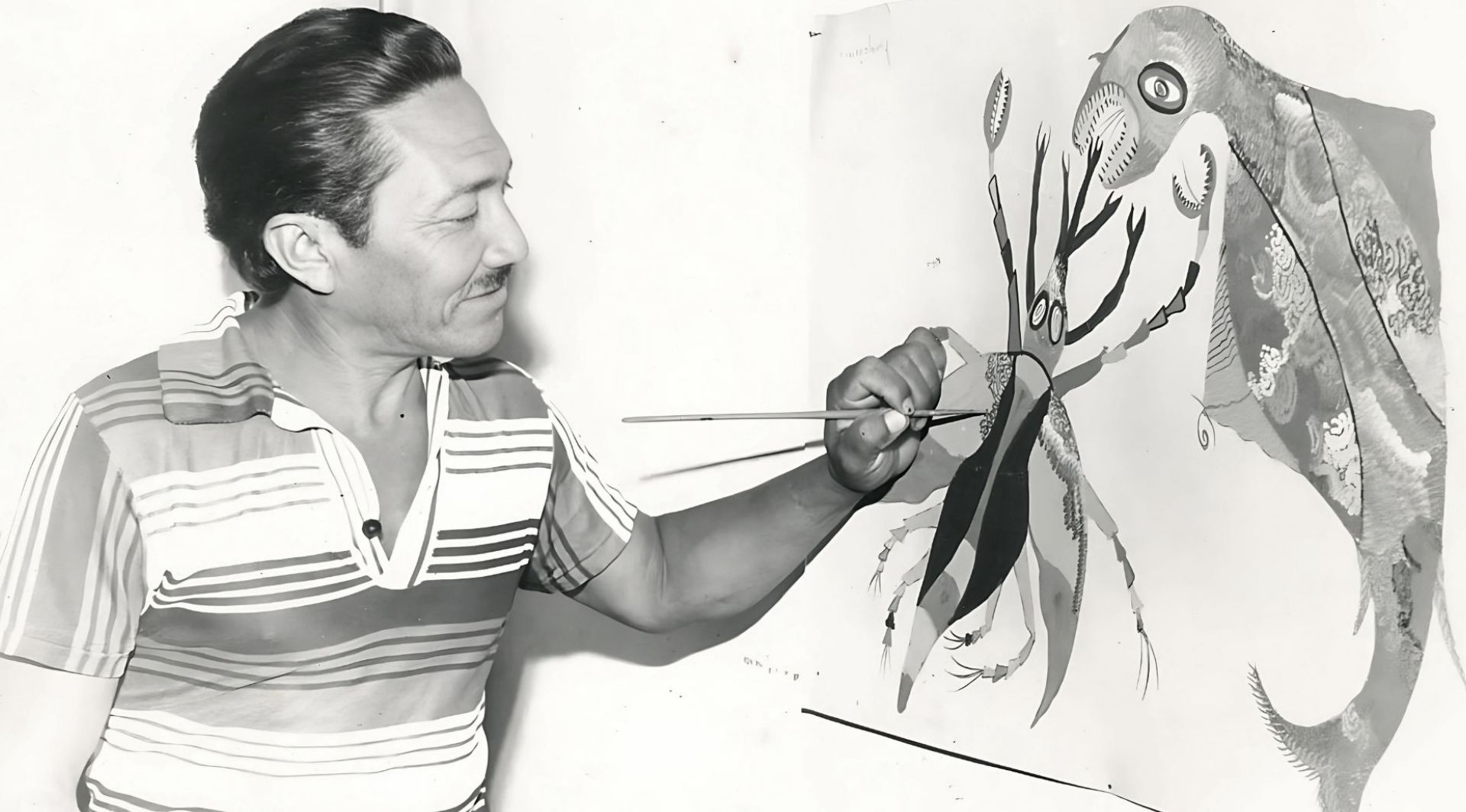




CHICO DA SILVA

ARTIST'S PORTFOLIO



BIOGRAPHY

Born in Acre, deep in the Amazon rainforest, to Minervina Félix de Lima and Domingos da Silva, a Peruvian caboclo, he is perhaps the first artist of popular origin (...) to gain nationwide media attention, as well as recognition in specialized foreign media.

He began painting in Fortaleza (CE), where he had lived since 1935, working small jobs as a shoemaker, tinker, welder, mason, carpenter, and wall painter. What he liked most, however, “was drawing with fresh green grass picked on the spot, and white and red bricks (because I didn't have paint at that time) on the walls of fishermen's houses. (...) His large Amazonian birds, marine figures, and dragons were first seen this way by the Swiss critic and painter Jean Pierre Chablot during his first stay in Ceará between 1943 and 1944.

“Those fish...” Chico told me, “no one can name them, because every day I bring out a different fish: my head is full of fish.”

In 1945, when he exhibited in Rio at the Askanazy Gallery, critic Ruben Navarra observed: “I must say that the gouaches of this indigenous artist are something very serious. In Brazilian art, only Cícero Dias, ten years ago, gave me such a powerful impression of lyrical naivety applied to painting.”

The first absences of Chablot from Brazil in the 1940s corresponded to Chico abandoning painting, which he resumed whenever the Swiss painter returned to Fortaleza. On one of his returns in 1959, Chablot sought to encourage Chico once again, obtaining a job for him as an assistant to the rector of the Federal University of Ceará, which essentially meant providing him a space to paint and reflect on his work.

At the University Art Museum, Chico created the large series of gouaches that are still in its collection today.

CHICO DA SILVA

(Francisco Domingues da Silva)

1910-1922, Alto Tejo - AC, Brazil
1985, Fortaleza - CE, Brazil



EXHIBITIONS

INDIVIDUAL EXHIBITIONS

- 2026** Chico da Silva: And the soul is for the birds
Nottingham Contemporary Museum, Nottingham, UK
- 2025** Chico da Silva: Amazonian Legend
KMAC Contemporary Art Museum, Louisville, Kentucky, USA
- 2024** Chico da Silva: Amazonian Legend
BANK MABSOCIETY, Shanghai, China
- 2023** Chico da Silva
David Kordansky Gallery - West 520 20th Street, New York, USA
- Chico da Silva: The mouth of the world
Galeria Base, São Paulo - SP, Brazil
- Chico da Silva e o ateliê do Pirambu
Pinacoteca do Estado de São Paulo, São Paulo - SP, Brazil
- Chico da Silva e o ateliê do Pirambu
Pinacoteca do Ceará- Fortaleza CE, Brazil
- 2022** Chico da Silva: Sacred connection, Global Vision,
MAS/SP - Museu de Arte Sacra, São Paulo - SP, Brazil
- Chico da Silva
Galeria Gomide & Co, São Paulo - SP, Brazil

INDIVIDUAL EXHIBITIONS

- 2017** Chico da Silva
Centro Cultural Belchior, Fortaleza - CE, Brazil
- 2010** Chico da Silva – The Rebirth of 100 years
Correios Cultural Space, Fortaleza - CE, Brazil
- 2005** Chico da Silva in Three Dimensions
Centro Cultural Banco do Nordeste, Fortaleza - CE, Brazil
- 2002** Holy Ingenuity
Unifieo, São Paulo - SP, Brazil
- 1989** Chico da Silva Retrospective: From Delirium to the Flood
Cultural Space at the Abolição Palace, Fortaleza - CE, Brazil
- 1967** Francisco da Silva
A Galeria, São Paulo - SP, Brazil
- Francisco da Silva
Galeria Gemini, Rio de Janeiro - RJ, Brazil
- Francisco da Silva
Galeria Dezon, Rio de Janeiro - RJ, Brazil

INDIVIDUAL EXHIBITIONS

1966

Francisco da Silva

Petite Galerie, Rio de Janeiro - RJ, Brazil

1965

Francisco da Silva

Galeria Querino, Salvador - BA, Brazil

Francisco da Silva

Galeria Selearte, São Paulo - SP, Brazil

Francisco da Silva

Galeria Goeldi, Rio de Janeiro - RJ, Brazil

Eight Brazilian Naive Painters

Galerie Jaques Massol, Paris, France

1963

Francisco da Silva

Galeria Relevo, Rio de Janeiro - RJ, Brazil

1961

Francisco da Silva

Headquarters of Diários Associados - CE, Brazil

1950

Francisco da Silva

Pour L'Art Gallery, Lausanne, Switzerland

COLLECTIVE EXHIBITIONS

2026 Riverlines: Chico da Silva, Joseca Yanomami and Kuenan Mayu
David Nolan Gallery, Nova Iorque, EUA

2025/2026 Nossos Brasis: entre o sonho e a realidade
Centro Cultural Caixa, Brasília - DF, Brazil

2025 The earth, the Fire, the Water and the Winds: for a Museum of Errantry with
Édouard Glissant
Instituto Tomie Ohtake, São Paulo - SP, Brazil

Histories of Ecology
MASP - Museu de Arte de São Paulo Assis Chateaubriand, São Paulo - SP, Brazil

Nossos Brasis
CAIXA Cultural Brasília, Brasília - DF, Brazil

In every corner: Casa Fiat de Cultura and Instituto Tomie Ohtake visit Vilma Eid
Collection
Casa FIAT de Cultura, Belo Horizonte - MG, Brazil

Instituto Tomie Ohtake visits Vilma Eid Collection - In every corner
Instituto Tomie Ohtake, São Paulo - SP, Brazil

2024 Metamorphoses and Distances
Galeria Estação, São Paulo - SP, Brazil

COLLECTIVE EXHIBITIONS

2024 Essay on Earth
Galeria Simões de Assis, São Paulo - SP, Brazil

2023 Amazon Biennial
Belém – PA, Brazil

REVERSOS & TRANSVERSOS: artists beyond boundaries (and friends) at the biennials
Galeria Estação, São Paulo - SP, Brazil

2021-2022 Compositions for insurgent times
MAM/RJ - Museu de Arte Moderna do Rio de Janeiro, Rio de Janeiro - RJ, Brazil

2016 Between Look: poetics of the Brazilian soul
Museu Afro Brasil Emanoel Araújo, São Paulo - SP, Brazil

2013 Trajectories Brazilian Art in the Collection Fundação Edson Queiroz
Fundação Edson Queiroz, Fortaleza - CE, Brazil

2007 Encounter between the seas - Bienal de São Paulo - Valencia
Convento del Carmo – Valencia, Espanha

2006-2007 Live Culture Live the Brazilian People
Museu Afro Brasil Emanoel Araújo, São Paulo - SP, Brazil

2006 MAM (at) OCA: Brazilian Art from the Collection of the Museum of Modern Art of São Paulo
OCA, São Paulo - SP, Brazil

COLLECTIVE EXHIBITIONS

- 2005** Brazil Brazilians
Museu Afro Brasil Emanoel Araújo, São Paulo - SP, Brazil
- Encounter and Reunions in Naïve Art: Brazil- Haiti
CCBB - Centro Cultural Banco do Brasil, Brasília - DF, Brazil
- 2002** 6th Naifs of Brazil Biennial
Sesc, Piracicaba - SP, Brazil
- Pop Brazil: Popular Art and the Popular in the Art
CCBB - Centro Cultural Banco do Brasil, São Paulo - SP, Brazil
- 2001** Instant Biographies
Casa das Rosas, São Paulo - SP, Brazil
- 2000** Brazil + 500 Rediscovery Exhibition
Biennial Pavilion, São Paulo - SP, Brazil
- 1996** FIEO Expo: Luiz Ernesto Kawall donation
Centro Universitário FIEO, Osasco - SP, Brazil
- 1990** Figurativism/ Abstractionism: Red in painting
Itaú Cultural, São Paulo - SP, Brazil
- 1988** The Fascinating World of Naïf Painters
Paço Imperial, Rio de Janeiro - RJ, Brazil

COLLECTIVE EXHIBITIONS

- 1985** Tradition and Rupture: synthesis of Brazilian art and culture
Fundação Bienal, São Paulo - SP, Brazil
- 1984** 3rd National Salon of Fine Arts - Special room
Fortaleza - CE, Brazil
- 1980** People of the Earth
Paço das Artes, São Paulo - SP, Brazil
- 1978** 1st Latin American Biennial of São Paulo
Fundação Bienal, São Paulo - SP, Brazil
- 3rd Northeastern Fine Arts Salon
Penápolis Educational Foundation - Faculty of Philosophy, Sciences and Languages of Penápolis, Penápolis - SP, Brazil
- 28th April Salon - special room
Fortaleza - CE, Brazil
- 1977** 27th April Salon
Fortaleza - CE, Brazil
- 1972** Art / Brazil / Today: 50 Years Later
Collectio Gallery, São Paulo - SP, Brazil
- 1970** 20th April Salon
Fortaleza - CE, Brazil

COLLECTIVE EXHIBITIONS

- 1967** 9th São Paulo International Biennial
Fundação Bienal, São Paulo, SP, Brazil
- 1966** 33rd Venice Biennale - Honorable Mention
Venice, Italy
- Brazilian Primitives
Hispanic Culture Institute, Madrid, Spain
- Unusual Brazil
Maison Janson, Paris, France
- Brazilian Primitive Artists
Traveling exhibition, Europe
- 1956** Brazilian Exhibition of Folk and Popular Art
Ethnographic Museum, Neuchâtel, Switzerland
- 1945** Cearense painters Antonio Banderia, Inimá, Raimundo Feitos, Jean-Pierre Chabloz
Askanasy Gallery, Rio de Janeiro - RJ, Brazil
- 1944** 3rd Cearense Painting Salon
Fortaleza - CE, Brazil
- 1943** April Salon
Fortaleza - CE, Brazil

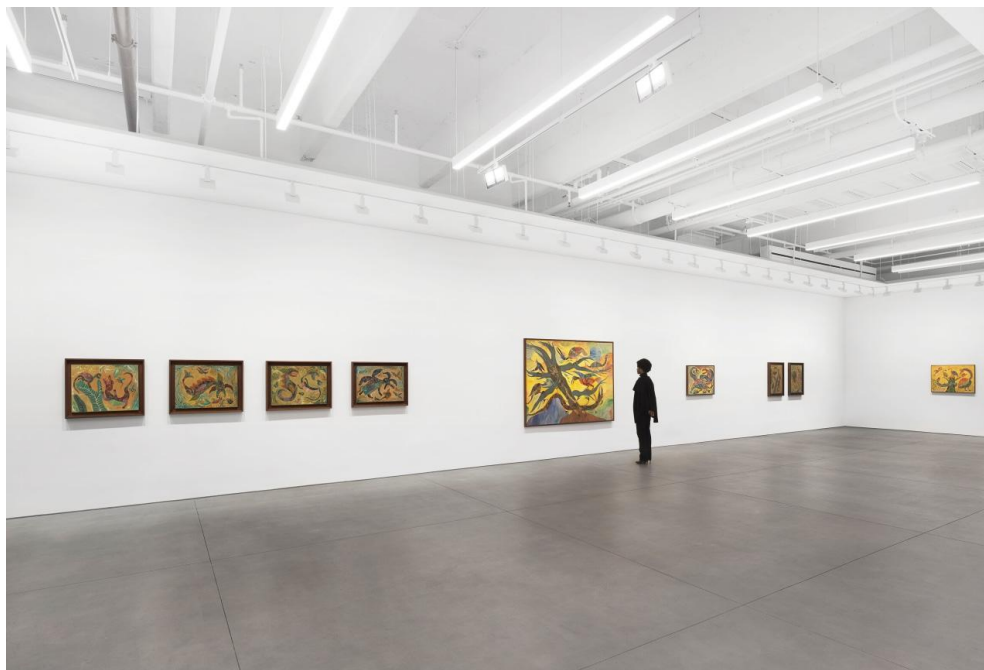


2025

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Histories of Ecology

MASP - Museu de Arte de São Paulo Assis Chateaubriand
São Paulo - SP, Brazil



2023

Chico da Silva

David Kordansky Gallery
New York, USA

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2023

Chico da Silva e o ateliê do Pirambu

Pinacoteca do Estado de São Paulo
São Paulo - SP, Brazil



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2023

Chico da Silva e o ateliê do Pirambu

Pinacoteca do Estado de São Paulo
São Paulo - SP, Brazil

2022

Chico da Silva

Galeria Gomide & Co
São Paulo - SP, Brazil



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PUBLIC COLLECTIONS

MAM/SP – Museu de Arte Moderna de São Paulo, São Paulo - SP, Brazil

MAC/USP – Museu de Arte Contemporânea da Universidade de São Paulo, São Paulo - SP, Brazil

MASP - Museu de Arte de São Paulo Assis Chateaubriand, São Paulo - SP, Brazil

Pinacoteca do Estado de São Paulo, São Paulo - SP, Brazil

MAM/RJ – Museu de Arte Moderna do Rio de Janeiro, Rio de Janeiro - RJ, Brazil

MAR - Museu de Arte do Rio, Rio de Janeiro - RJ, Brazil

MAUC/UFC - Museu de Arte da Universidade Federal do Ceará, Fortaleza - CE, Brazil

MABE - Museu de Arte de Belém, Belém - PA, Brazil

El Museo del Barrio, New York, USA

Tate Modern, Londres, UK

MANAS - Musée d'Art Naïf et des Arts Singuliers, Laval, France

Center Pompidou - Paris, France

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- 2026** Riverlines: Chico da Silva, Joseca Yanomami e Kuenan Mayu
Simon Watson, Afluente Editora, Brazil
- 2023** Chico da Silva
Afluente Editora, Brazil
- Chico da Silva e o ateliê do Pirambu, Pinacoteca do Estado de São Paulo
São Paulo - SP, Brazil
- 2007** Encuentro entre dos Mares - Bienal de São Paulo - Valencia, Catálogo
Valencia, Spain
- 2006** Viva Cultura Viva do Povo Brasileiro
AfroBrasil Museum, São Paulo - SP, Brazil
- 2005** Small Dictionary of the Art of the Brazilian People - 20th century, Lélia Coelho Frota
São Paulo - SP, Brazil
- Brazil Brazilians
Ipsis Gráfica e Editora, São Paulo - SP, Brazil

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- 2000** Catalog, Museu do Homem do Nordeste
Graphic Circuit, Recife - PE, Brazil
- Rediscovery Exhibition - Brazil 500 years | Popular Art
Takano Editora, Brazil
- 1998** Naïve Art in Brazil, Jacques Ardies e Edson de Andrade Geraldo
Empresa das Artes, São Paulo - SP, Brazil
- 1978** Aspects of Brazilian primitive painting
Spala, Rio de Janeiro - RJ, Brazil
- 1979** Art in Brazil, Pietro Maria Bardi
Abril Cultural, São Paulo - SP, Brazil
- 1990** Chico da Silva: from delusion to the flood, Roberto Galvão
Cultural Space of the Abolition Palace, Fortaleza - CE, Brazil
- 1988** The saga of the painter Francisco Domingos da Silva
Tukano, Fortaleza - CE, Brazil
- Critical Dictionary of Painting in Brazil, José Roberto Teixeira Leite
Artlivre, Rio de Janeiro - RJ, Brazil
- 1987** Entre dois séculos: arte brasileira do século XX na coleção Gilberto
Chateaubriand, Roberto Pontual
Edições Jornal do Brasil, Rio de Janeiro - RJ, Brazil



OBRAS



Chico da Silva - Francisco Domingos da Silva

1910-1922, Alto Tejo - AC | 1985, Fortaleza - CE, Brazil

Untitled, 1968

Gouache on hardboard

51 x 74 cm | 20.07 x 29.13 in

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Chico da Silva - Francisco Domingos da Silva

1910-1922, Alto Tejo - AC | 1985, Fortaleza - CE, Brazil

Untitled, 1968

Gouache on hardboard

50 x 70 cm | 19.68 x 27.55 in

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Chico da Silva - Francisco Domingos da Silva

1910-1922, Alto Tejo - AC | 1985, Fortaleza - CE, Brazil

Untitled, 1968

Gouache on canvas

50 x 66 cm | 19.68 x 25.98 in

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Chico da Silva - Francisco Domingos da Silva

1910-1922, Alto Tejo - AC | 1985, Fortaleza - CE, Brazil

Untitled, 1964

Gouache on paper

48,5 x 67 cm | 18.89 x 26.37 in

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Chico da Silva - Francisco Domingos da Silva

1910-1922, Alto Tejo - AC | 1985, Fortaleza - CE

Untitled, 1980

Gouache on canvas

58,5 x 88 cm | 23.22 x 34.64 in

Photo: ©João Liberato



Chico da Silva - Francisco Domingos da Silva

1910-1922, Alto Tejo - AC | 1985, Fortaleza - CE

Untitled, 1967

Gouache on cardboard

56 x 77 cm | 22.04 x 30.31 in

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Chico da Silva - Francisco Domingos da Silva

1910-1922, Alto Tejo - AC | 1985, Fortaleza - CE

Untitled, 1964

Gouache on cardboard

56 x 80 cm | 22.04 x 31.49 in

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Chico da Silva - Francisco Domingos da Silva

1910-1922, Alto Tejo - AC | 1985, Fortaleza - CE

Untitled, 1964

Gouache on cardboard

56 x 76 cm | 22.04 x 29.92 in

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Chico da Silva - Francisco Domingos da Silva

1910-1922, Alto Tejo - AC | 1985, Fortaleza - CE

Untitled, 1966

Gouache on cardboard

55 x 76 cm | 21.65 x 29.92 in

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