

Wassily Kandinsky

1866-1944 | Russian



Rapallo-Stürmischer Tag

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Oil on canvas board | Dated 1906

Canvas: 9 1/8" high x 12 1/2" wide | 23.18 cm x 31.75 cm
Frame: 17 5/8" high x 21 1/4" wide x 1 1/2" deep
44.77 cm x 53.98 cm x 3.81 cm



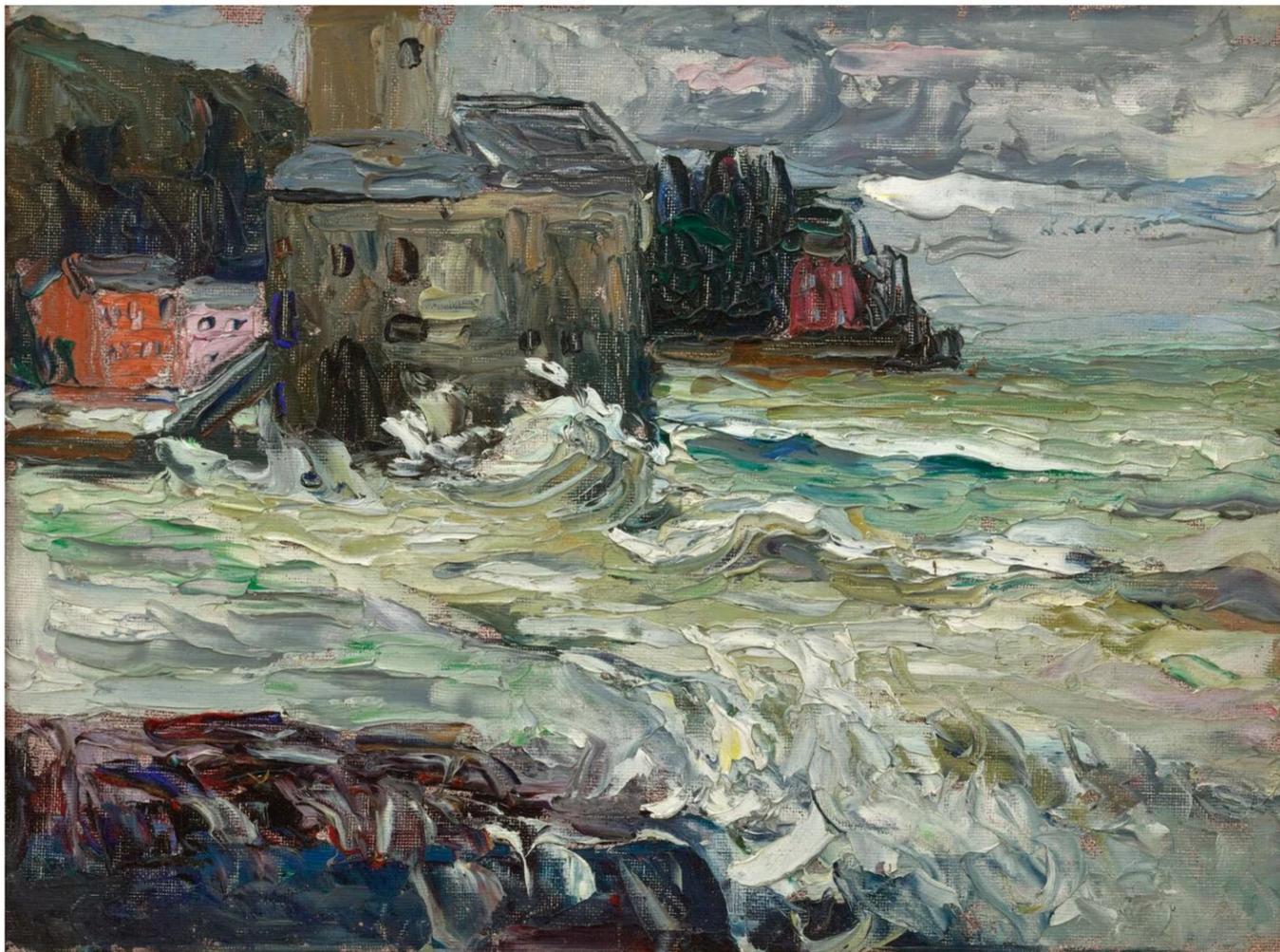
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*To create a work of art
is to create the world.*

- Wassily Kandinsky

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Wassily Kandinsky's work transcended boundaries—more than any of his contemporaries, he emphasized the emotional and spiritual dimensions of color and form. This 1906 painting, titled *Rapallo-Stürmischer Tag*, was created during his transformative five-month sojourn in Rapallo, Italy. This period fundamentally altered his use of color and technique, and this rare composition offers a glimpse into the early evolution of one of art history's most illustrious figures.

In December 1905, at the age of 40, Wassily Kandinsky lived in Rapallo, Italy, with his companion Gabriele Münter. This period marked a significant shift in his artistic style, profoundly influenced by Münter, an artist herself, and the picturesque landscape. While in Rapallo, Kandinsky created 18 small canvases using quick, short strokes with a palette knife. This technique suited their nomadic lifestyle and allowed for the fluid application of thick pigment, imparting a new sense of spontaneity to his work. In this composition, one can observe Kandinsky hovering on the brink of pure abstraction. The simplified forms of the waves and the cliffside village are rendered in bold swaths of color, foreshadowing his visionary approach.

Kandinsky transports his viewer to the rocky shores of Rapallo, where an impending storm looms on

the horizon. The billowing grey clouds, enhanced by Kandinsky's thick impasto, convey the urgency of capturing the moment's essence before the storm breaks. Intimate in size yet bold in its emotion and atmosphere, this painting remained a cherished part of Münter's collection until her death, long after their relationship had ended. It is also included in Kandinsky's catalogue raisonné and has been exhibited twice, underscoring its significance. Other works from Kandinsky's Rapallo period are part of prestigious collections, including the Musée National d'Art Moderne in Paris, the Minneapolis Institute of Art, the Franz Marc Museum in Bavaria and the Lenbachhaus in Munich.

Wassily Kandinsky is credited as one of the pioneers of abstraction in Western art, an innovation that changed the course of modern art forever. Born in Moscow in 1866, Kandinsky was a successful lawyer before turning to painting at the age of 30. He lived and worked between Germany and Moscow during the early 20th century, but his move to France in the early 1930s proved most fateful, as this where he would remain for the rest of his life and produce his most revolutionary canvases. Today, Kandinsky's oeuvre is represented in all major modern art museums across the world, including the Guggenheim, the Museum of Modern Art and the Tate. ●



PROVENANCE

Estate of Gabriele Münter

Franz Resch, Gauting (after 1962)

Georg Schäfer, Schweinfurt

His sale, Christie, Manson & Woods Ltd., London, June 27, 1978, lot 3

David and Lova Abrahamsen, New York (acquired at the above sale)

Inger Elliott, New York (by descent from the above)

Private Collection (by descent from above)

M.S. Rau, New Orleans

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RAPALLO – STÜRMISCHER TAG

Rapallo – Stormy Day

Rapallo – Jour d'orage

1906

Oil on canvasboard

24 × 33 cm

Unsigned

On the reverse [in Münter's writing]:

Kandinsky Rapallo 1906

Not in Handlists

Not Kandinsky's title.

History

Gabriele Münter.

Franz Resch, Gauting.

Georg Schäfer, Schweinfurt.

Christie's, London, sale, June 27th, 1978,
lot no. 30, colour ill.

Location

Unknown.

Exhibitions

Munich, Städtische Galerie, 1957, no. 42.



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RAPALLO – WEISSE SEGEL

Rapallo – White Sails

Rapallo – Voiles blanches

1906

Oil on canvasboard

24 × 33 cm

Unsigned

Not in Handlists

Not Kandinsky's title.

History

Der Sturm Gallery, Berlin.

Birger Sellberg, Sweden.

Sotheby's, London, sale, April 16th, 1975,
lot no. 15, colour ill.

Location

Unknown.

Exhibitions

Stockholm, Moderna Museet, 1965, no. 8,
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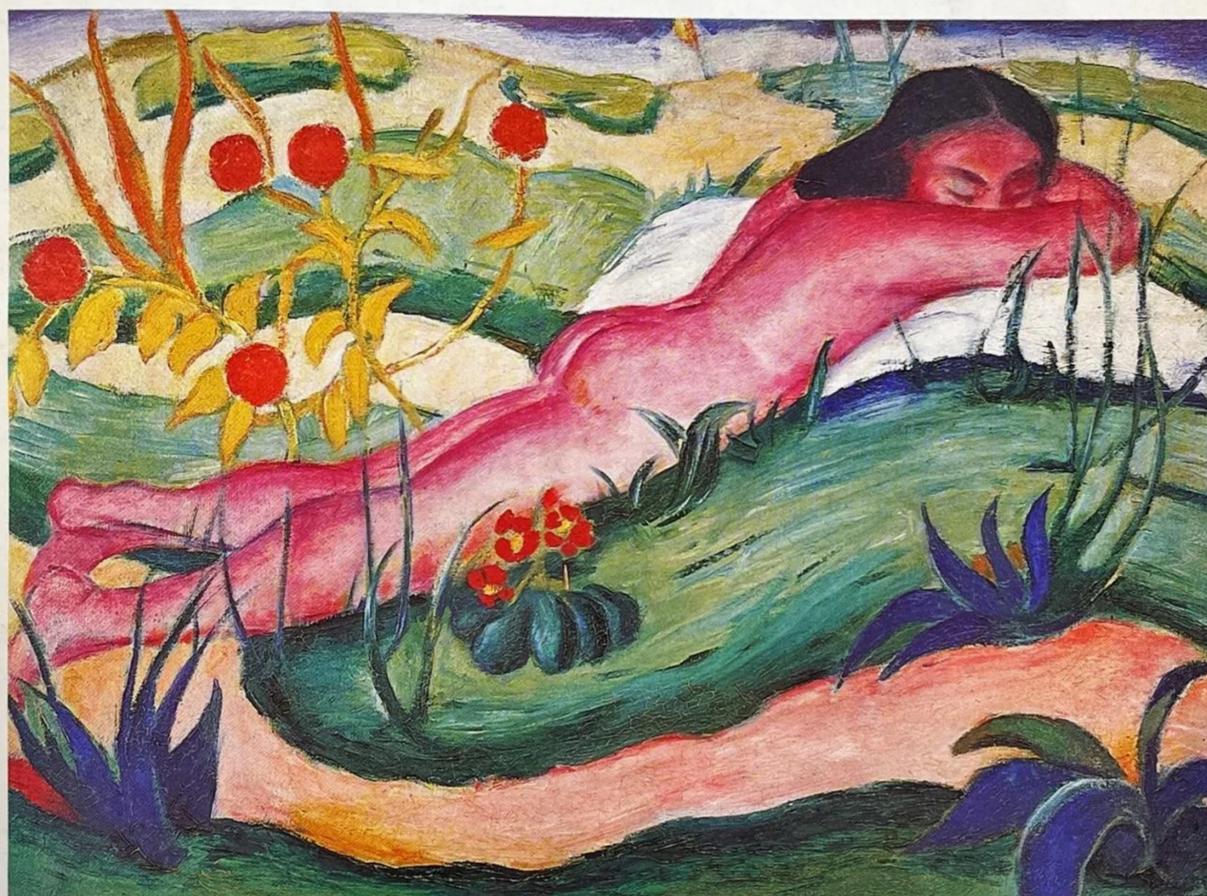
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JUNE 27, 1978

WASSILY KANDINSKY £ 11,000

3 RAPALLO

on canvas laid down on board 9½ × 12¾in. (24 × 32.5cm.)

PROVENANCE: Nachlass Gabriele Münter
Franz Resch, Gauting,

Sold with the certificate of Hans K. Roethl, dated July 18, 1966.

See illustration

WASSILY KANDINSKY £ 14,000

4 MEER

signed—on canvas laid down on board

9½ × 12¾in. (24 × 31cm.)

PROVENANCE: Franz Resch, Gauting

See illustration

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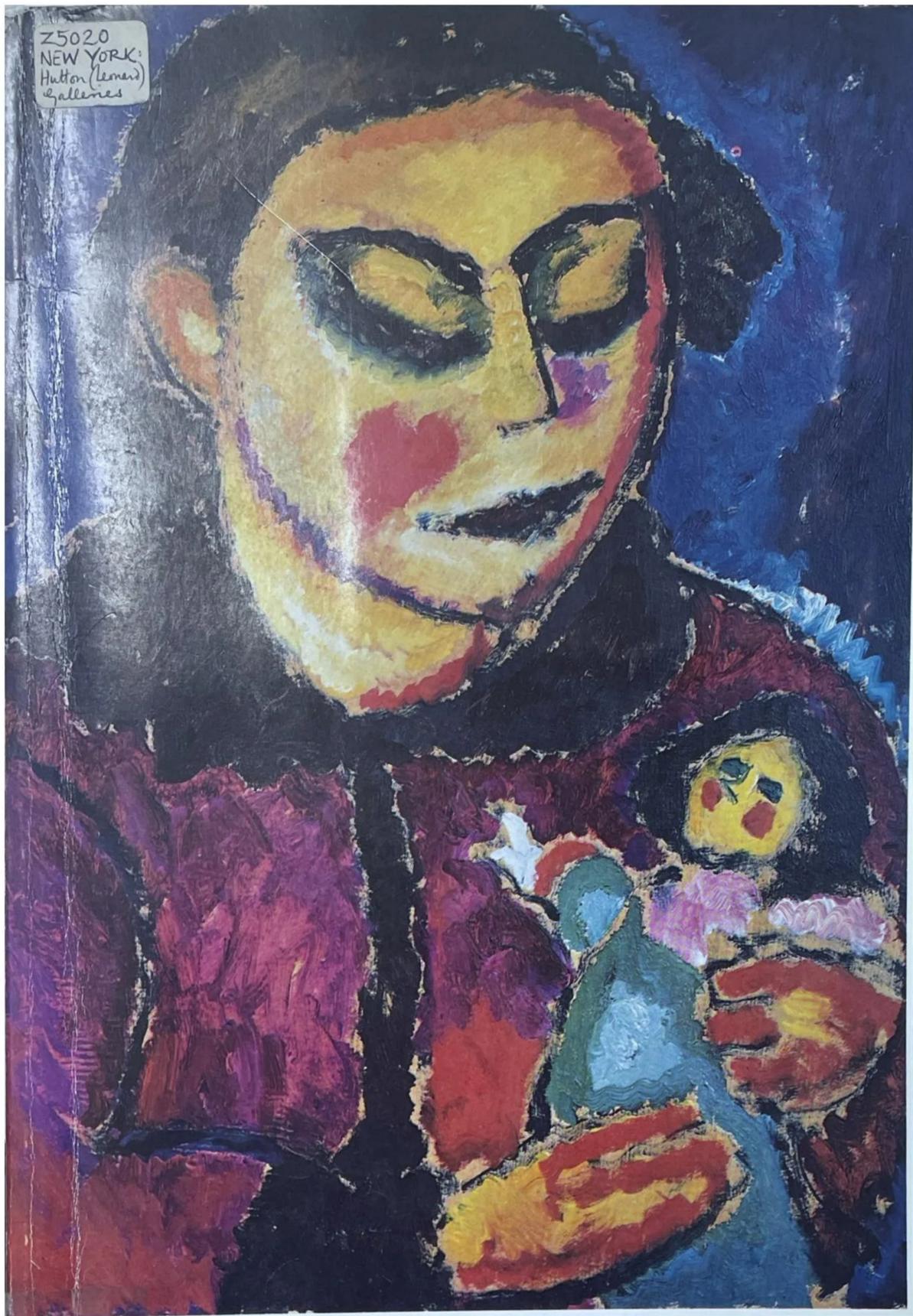


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Wassily Kandinsky Russian: 1866–1944

16/Rapallo-Stürmischer Tag 1906

Oil on canvas mounted on board
9-1/2 x 12-3/4 inches
(24 x 33 cm)

Provenance:
The Gabriele Münter and
Johannes Eichner Foundation, Munich
Dr. Georg Schäfer, Schweinfurt

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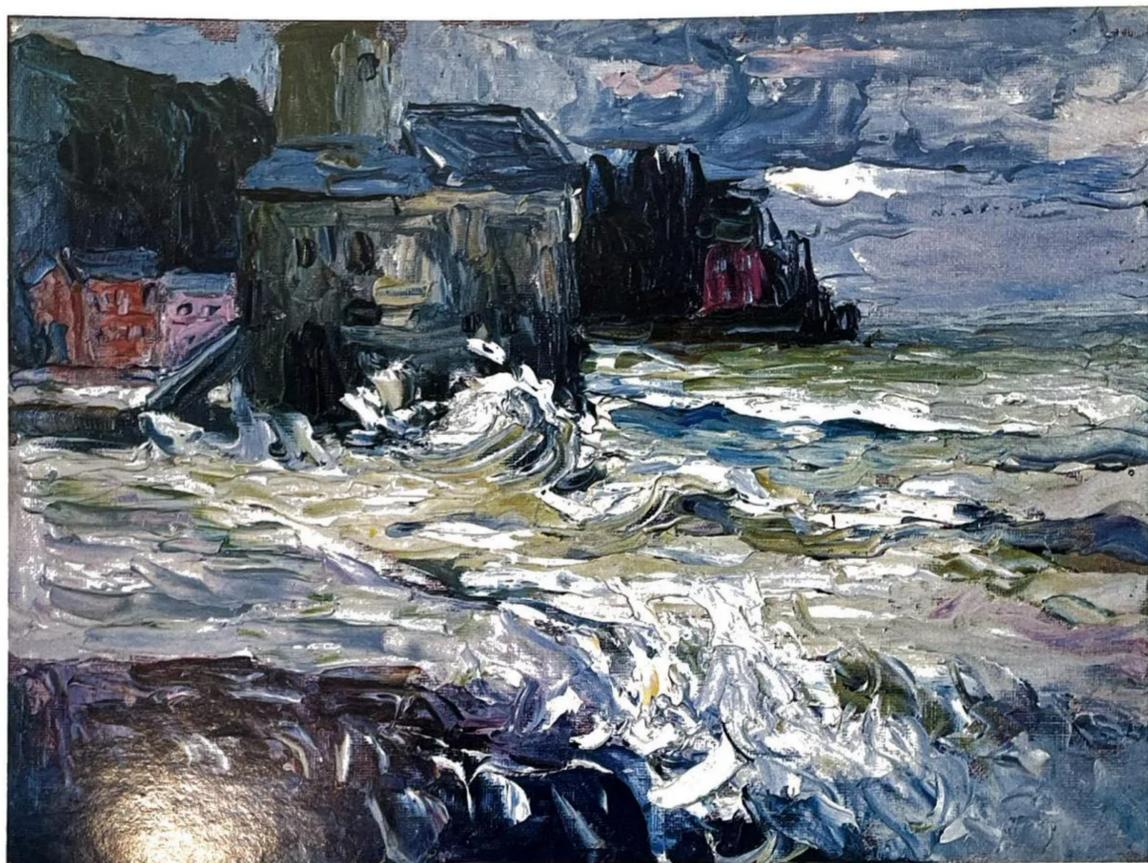
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Munich, “Kandinsky und
Gabriele Münter—Werke aus Fünf
Jahrzehnten,” Catalogue No. 42.

Note:

This painting depicts Castello dei Sogni,
which was the residence of the Italian writer
Sem Benelli.

A certificate by Dr. Hans Konrad Roethel
accompanies the painting.





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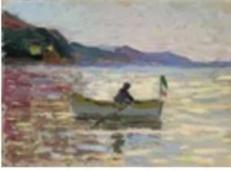


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	<p>2</p> <p>Wassily Kandinsky</p> <p>Title Rapallo, Boote</p> <p>Description Wassily Kandinsky (1866-1944)Rapallo, Bootesigned, inscribed and indistinctly date</p> <p>Medium oil on canvasboard</p> <p>Year of Work 1905</p> <p>Size Height 9.4 in.; Width 13 in. / Height 24 cm.; Width 32.9 cm.</p> <p>Misc. Signed, Inscribed</p> <p>Sale of Christie's New York: Thursday, November 8, 2012 [Lot 00410] Impressionist and Modern Art Day Sale</p> <p>Estimate 600,000 - 800,000 USD</p> <p>Sold For 1,022,500 USD Premium</p>
	<p>3</p> <p>Wassily Kandinsky</p> <p>Title Rapallo - Boot im Meer</p> <p>Description 1906. Oil on artist 's board.23,9 x 33 cm (9 3/8 x 13 in.)Roethel/Benjamin 157 . -On t</p> <p>Medium oil on artist board</p> <p>Year of Work 1906</p> <p>Size Height 9.4 in.; Width 13 in. / Height 23.9 cm.; Width 33 cm.</p> <p>Sale of Grisebach GmbH: Thursday, November 24, 2011 [Lot 00005] 189 - Selected Works</p> <p>Estimate 300,000 - 400,000 EUR (400,106 - 533,475 USD)</p> <p>Sold For 671,000 EUR Premium (894,905 USD)</p>



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	5	Wassily Kandinsky
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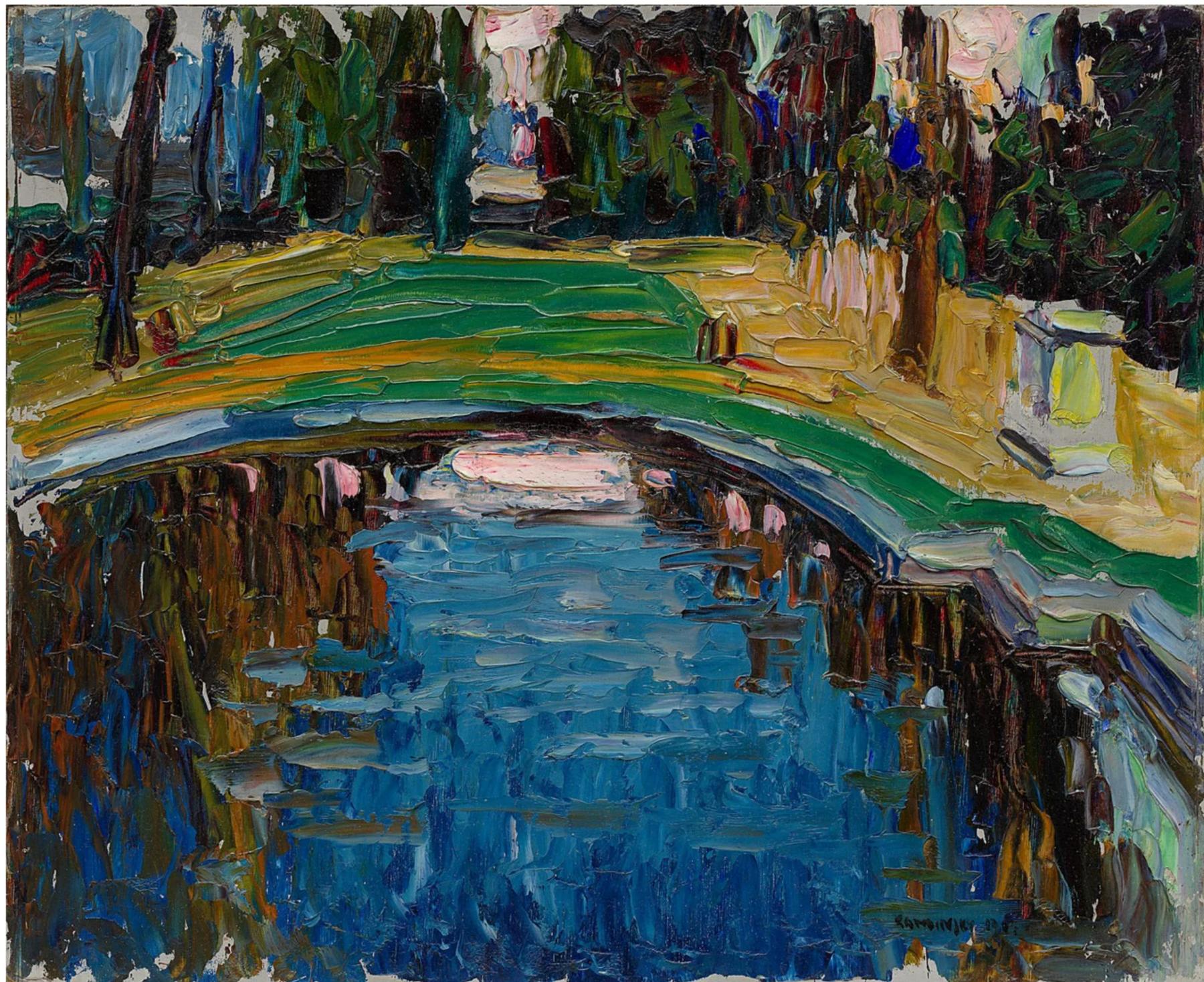


Wassily Kandinsky | *Pond in the Park*

Circa 1906

Medium: Oil on board

Dimensions: 13 x 16^{1/8} inches | 33 x 41 cm



GUGGENHEIM

Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum
New York, United States



Wassily Kandinsky | *Nymphenburg*

Circa 1904

Medium: Oil on canvas board

Dimensions: 9^{1/2} x 12^{3/4} inches | 24.1 x 32.4 cm

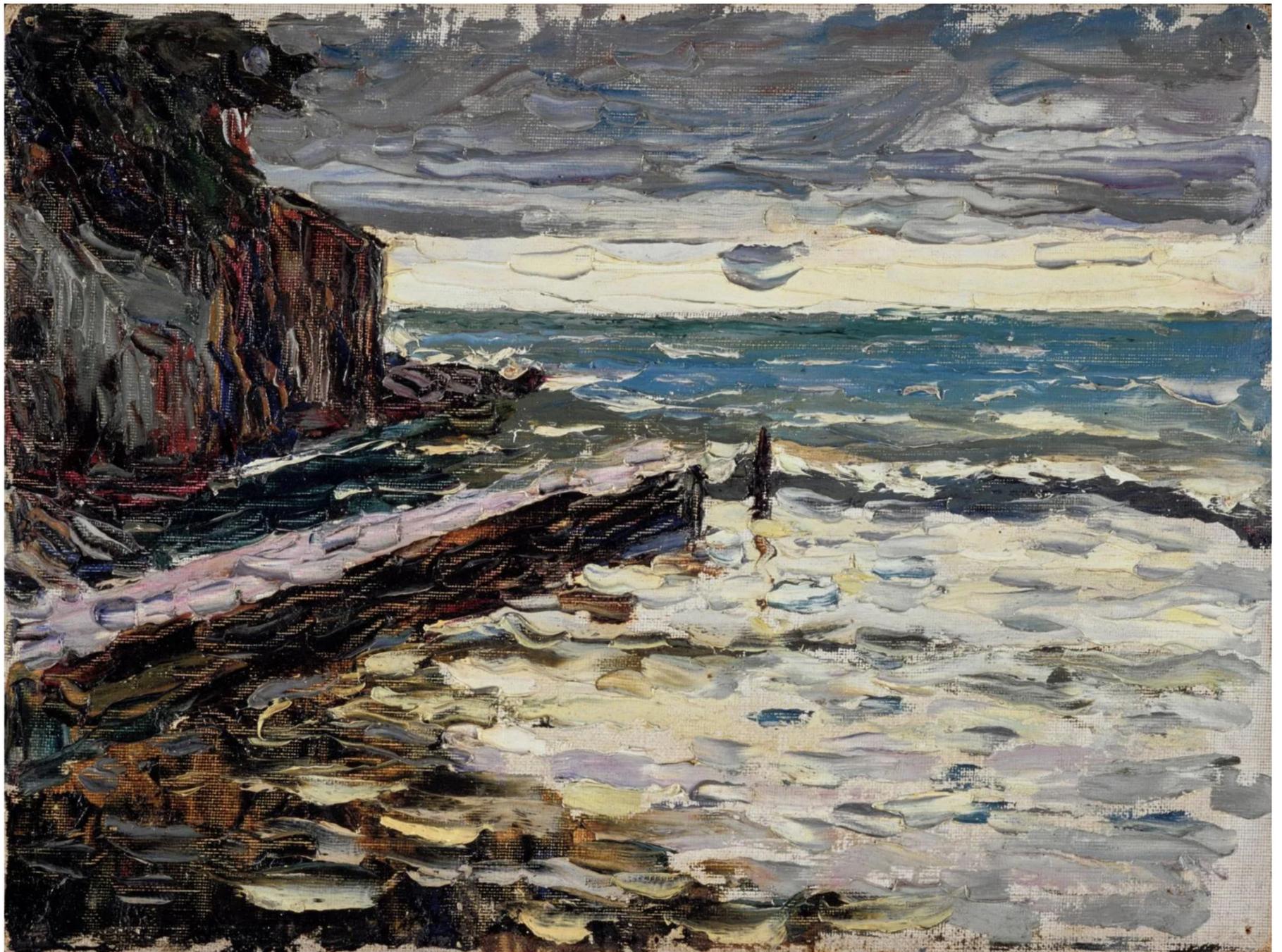


Wassily Kandinsky | *Rapallo, Stürmische See*

1906

Medium: Oil on canvas board

Dimensions: 9 x 13 inches | 23 x 33 cm



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Paris, France



Wassily Kandinsky | *Tunis, Küstenlandschaft II*

1905

Medium: Oil on canvas board

Dimensions: 9^{1/2} x 13 inches | 24 x 33 cm



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Paris, France



Wassily Kandinsky | *Kochel, See mit Bootsteg I*

1902

Medium: Oil on canvas board

Dimensions: 9^{1/2} x 13 inches | 24 x 33 cm



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