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ONE MAN SHOW of painting by IAIN BAXTER

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カナデイアン アーチスト
ラツカー，コラージユ，


12． $4 \sim 7,1961$

Canadian Artist
lacquers and collage
watercolors

Yamada Gallery
shinmonzen street
kyoto tel．6－5382
於 山田画廊
新門前通東山線西入北側
10：00 am．－6：00 pm．




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A New View of the Japanese Folding Screen
Iain Baxter, from Canada, in his late twenties, studied at the University of Idaho. In 1961 he came to Japan on a Japanese Government foundation grant. H1s work has appeared widely in the U.S.A. and Canads since 1959 and he has had regular one-
man shows since then also. In Japan he participate in the Nikakal group show in Tokyo and had a one-man show at the Yamada Gallery in Syoto where the reviewer first saw his work.

Baxter's work, at first sight, struck me as being almost too sure and too forceful for his years, and at the same time rather vague in its intentions. Nonetheless I felt and still feel he has a relative freedom of expression compared to his contemporaries in Japan whose intentions, though generally much clearer, often lack spontanelty and verve.

His use of lacquer is brilliant and fresh, though perhaps the freshness in the feeling of free movement of line and color depends largely upon the fluidity of the lacquer itself. Yet It is to the artist's credit that he can so seize upon the medium's nature to express his own. Indesd, he is engrossed in and alive to what is happening as he paints, so that the emotional push becomes a visual component. All this might pass as sheer automatism, but, in fact, a sense of control is maintained. For despite my original impression of vagueness, I gradually came to see structural intentness in his careful alternations of forms in color and line.

As the black and white reproductions on these pages show, forms and lines are quite clear, clearer than the actual paintings themselves as I recall them and stronger, which suggesta that the
color element is less important to the work than at first seems the case.

But essential, at least for us in Japan, to the impact of his work is the use he has made of the Byobu (folding screen), often seen in Japanese homes standing at the edge of a room. It was not, oddly enough, the painting on the byobu that interested Baxter, but the form of the byobu itself, the screen a a multiform frame.

In Japan, you will underatand, the byobu has always been used as an architectursl appurtenance. It functions as a portable partition and the painting on it was ( and is ) essentially a decoration in keeping with whatever 1 ts usual occasion. The painting invarlably has been done separately and simply mounted on the screen.

But if you will glance at the plates of Eexter's byobu, you will see at once how he has altered the use of $1 t$ to his own sense of 1 . In plate $3 a$ you see the screen as it is oustomarily set in Japan. Plate 3b, however shows a new way that at once creates a fresh dimension for the painting on the soreen. And plate 3o again, another way, shows two panels as one with the other two panels as hidden wings, unseen but still relating to whet is seen and effecting a new sense of space. The possibilities suddenly are many. And Baxter, not surprisingly, has also in mind new shapes, instead of the vertical panel, to use as units in the folding acreen.

The artiat spent six month learning for himself the craft of making these difficult paper hinged screena. The hingeing, unlike that In the West, is so fine as to allow no break in the surface and 1 mmediately offers an excellent surface for the painter. And Baxter, as it happens, works directly on the prepared sereen.







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