



PETER BACKHAUS

“ *My art is uncompromising and direct. It is unique in its poetic, musical expression and the heart is its abode. It connects with the soul's longing for freedom, cocreation and participatory commitment.* ”

Peter Backhaus is an award-winning artist whose abstract paintings have been exhibited across various European galleries and museums, as well as in China.

Born in Germany in 1947, the artist emigrated to Sweden in 1968 where he studied philosophy, psychology, sociology, and art – teaching at Hovedskous Art School before going on to have his own art school in Gothenburg.

For Backhaus, painting is survival. It functions as a way to maintain sanity and to work through trauma. His paintings are like internal images: they don't speak of everyday life, temporary feelings or experiences from reality, but instead come from a level beyond the personal ego and beyond time and space, where complete stillness and total chaos coexist in eternal harmony.

The process of painting has helped the artist to understand and explore his personal history. Through these vibrant creations, Backhaus seeks to reconnect with others, and it is his intention to spread optimism. This approach underscores his desire to bring about positive change in the world.

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