

HERITAGE FINE ART

A Summer Garden

Gaston Balande

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Height: 46 cm (18.1")

Width: 56 cm (22")

Framed Height: 61 cm (24")

Framed Width: 70 cm (27.6")

## Description

Gaston Balande (1880-1971) French

Gaston Balande was born in Saujon (Charente-Maritime ) on 31st May 1880 and was a pupil of Fernand Cormon and Rupert Bunny. He spent 60 years of his life in Etaples, Pas-de-Calais and Paris before settling in La Rochelle after World War II. Between 1931 and 1954 he was the curator of the Musée des Beaux-Arts in La Rochelle. He was decorated with the title of Chevalier of the Legion d'Honneur in 1925, an Officier in 1952 and a Chevalier de Arts et Lettres in 1961.

From 1905 he exhibited at the Salon of Societe des Aristes Francais, becoming a member in 1912, the year he received a travel bursary. After a study trip to Belgium, Holland, Spain and Italy in 1912/13 his palette became more lucid and he started painting in a Post-Impressionist manner. Although he was declared unfit for service during World War I, he was nevertheless engaged as an official army painter in 1917.

He showed at the Salon d'Automne, the Salon de Artistes Independants, the Salon of the Societe Nationale des Beaux Arts and the Tuileries. He also exhibited in Brussels in 1910 and 1925, and participated at the International Exhibition in Paris, in 1937.

His work is held in many public collections including the museums of Albi, Alencon, Dijon, Fontenay-le-Comte, Gap, La Rochelle (including a version of 'Port de La Rochelle'), Paris (Gobelins, Musee de Art Moderne, Petit Palais), Pau and Saintes.

c.1960. Oil on Canvas. Signed on front.