

Bernard Buffet



1928-1999 | FRENCH

Panier de poires et théière

M.S. Rau
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Bernard Buffet was one of France's most innovative 20th-century painters. He masterfully captures the existential spirit of the Post-War era with his dramatic, angular style. In his day, he was the most collected artist in France. *Panier de poires et théière* is a stunning still life that exemplifies Buffet's genius, rendered with striking intensity and bright primary colors.

Bernard Buffet, a prominent member of the artistic movement *L'Homme Témoin* (The Witness-Man), rejected the ideals of abstraction, favoring the expression of reality and raw emotion. While the group was known for its generally pessimistic outlook, Buffet's embrace of bold, vibrant colors and moments of lightness were uniquely his own. In this work, Buffet's unmistakable style is applied to a still life of fruits and flowers, arranged on a crisp white tablecloth against a luminous red background.

The interplay of vivid colors and bold, angular lines results in a striking, visceral masterpiece that captures both emotional depth and visual brilliance.

Born in Paris, Buffet began his art studies at the *École Nationale Supérieure des Beaux-Arts* in December 1943, training in the studio of painter Eugène Narbonne. After just two years, Buffet set out on his own, launching a successful career that began with the exhibition of a self-portrait at the *Salon des Moins de Trente Ans* at *Galerie Beaux-Arts* in 1946. His stark, existential compositions brought him global fame and fortune at a remarkably young age. Today, Buffet's works are held in prestigious institutions such as the *Museum of Modern Art* in New York, the *Tate Gallery* in London and the *Metropolitan Museum of Art*, among many others. His legacy is further celebrated by museums in Japan dedicated exclusively to his oeuvre.





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Panier de poires et théière, 1996

Signed "Bernard Buffet" (upper right) and dated (upper left)
Oil on canvas

Canvas: 23 ⁵/₈" high x 31 ⁷/₈" wide | 60 x 81 cm
Frame: 26" high x 34" wide x 2" deep | 66 x 86.4 x 5.1 cm

This work is accompanied by its certificate of authenticity issued by Danielle Buffet
dated December 19, 2025

PROVENANCE

The artist

Estate of the artist

M.S. Rau, New Orleans



CERTIFICAT D'ORIGINE ET D'AUTHENTICITÉ

Référence DB25C17

Je, soussignée Danielle Buffet, fille de l'artiste
Bernard Buffet,
codétentrice du droit moral sur l'œuvre de mon père
certifie que le tableau reproduit ci-contre
est une œuvre authentique de Bernard Buffet :
« Panier de poires et théières », 1996
peinture à l'huile sur toile, 60 x 81 cm
signée en haut à droite et datée en haut à droite.



Danielle Buffet
Paris, le 19 décembre 2025

Ce certificat est unique. Il doit accompagner l'œuvre en tout temps.

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AUCTION COMPARABLES



Bernard Buffet
NATURE MORTE À LA SOLE
oil on canvas
Height 134.7 x Width 224.3 cm.
Height 53.031 x Width 88.307 in.
1962

30 October 2018 *about 6 years ago*
Sotheby's Paris

Pierre Bergé: From One Home to Another (Sessions 1-3) – [Lot 00043]

est. 100,000 - 150,000 EUR **609,000** EUR Ⓢ
est. 113,636 - 170,454 USD **692,045** USD Ⓢ



Bernard Buffet
Bouquet de dahlias
oil on canvas
Height 146 x Width 115 cm.
Height 57.48 x Width 45.276 in.
1964

26 June 1990 *over 34 years ago*
Christie's London

Impressionist and Modern Paintings and Sculpture – [Lot 00300]

est. 250,000 - 300,000 GBP **286,000** GBP
est. 433,877 - 520,652 USD **496,355** USD



Bernard Buffet
L'ATELIER
oil on canvas
Height 116.9 x Width 89.2 cm.
Height 46.024 x Width 35.118 in.
1956

30 October 2018 *about 6 years ago*
Sotheby's Paris

Pierre Bergé: From One Home to Another (Sessions 1-3) – [Lot 00040]

est. 80,000 - 120,000 EUR **429,000** EUR Ⓢ
est. 90,909 - 136,363 USD **487,500** USD Ⓢ



Bernard Buffet
Bouquet de chrysanthèmes
oil on canvas
Height 100.6 x Width 73.6 cm.
Height 39.606 x Width 28.976 in.
1965

26 February 1990 *almost 35 years ago*
Sotheby's New York

IMPRESSIONIST AND MODERN PAINTINGS, DRAWINGS AND SCULPTURE – [Lot 00169]

est. 150,000 - 200,000 USD **484,000** USD
↑ 142% est



Bernard Buffet
ZINNIAS
oil on canvas
Height 65.4 x Width 46.4 cm.
Height 25.748 x Width 18.268 in.
1963

26 February 1990 *almost 35 years ago*
Sotheby's New York

IMPRESSIONIST AND MODERN PAINTINGS, DRAWINGS AND SCULPTURE – [Lot 00168]

est. 100,000 - 150,000 USD **462,000** USD
↑ 208% est





Bernard Buffet
Vase de roses
 oil on canvas
 Height 73.7 x Width 60.7 cm.
 Height 29.016 x Width 23.898 in.
 1964

26 February 1990 *almost 35 years ago*
Christie's New York
 IMPRESSIONIST AND MODERN PAINTINGS, DRAWINGS &
 SCULPTURE – [Lot 00164]
 est. 100,000 - 150,000 USD **462,000** USD
 ↑ 208% est



Bernard Buffet
Table et chaise
 oil on canvas
 Height 97 x Width 146 cm.
 Height 38.189 x Width 57.48 in.
 1951

16 February 2016 *almost 9 years ago*
Matsart Auctioneers and Appraisers
 Impressionist, Modern & Contemporary Fine Art – [Lot 00089]
 est. 220,000 - 260,000 USD **442,800** USD (H)
 ↑ 70% est



Bernard Buffet
VASE DEFLEURS ROSES
 oil on canvas
 Height 65.4 x Width 50.8 cm.
 Height 25.748 x Width 20 in.
 1965

26 February 1990 *almost 35 years ago*
Christie's New York
 IMPRESSIONIST AND MODERN PAINTINGS, DRAWINGS &
 SCULPTURE – [Lot 00131]
 est. 90,000 - 120,000 USD **440,000** USD
 ↑ 267% est



Bernard Buffet
OMBELLES JAUNES
 oil on canvas
 Height 54.6 x Width 65.4 cm.
 Height 21.496 x Width 25.748 in.
 1965

26 February 1990 *almost 35 years ago*
Christie's New York
 IMPRESSIONIST AND MODERN PAINTINGS, DRAWINGS &
 SCULPTURE – [Lot 00163]
 est. 90,000 - 120,000 USD **440,000** USD
 ↑ 267% est



Bernard Buffet
FLEURS
 oil on canvas
 Height 81.2 x Width 65.4 cm.
 Height 31.969 x Width 25.748 in.
 1965

06 October 1989 *about 35 years ago*
Sotheby's New York
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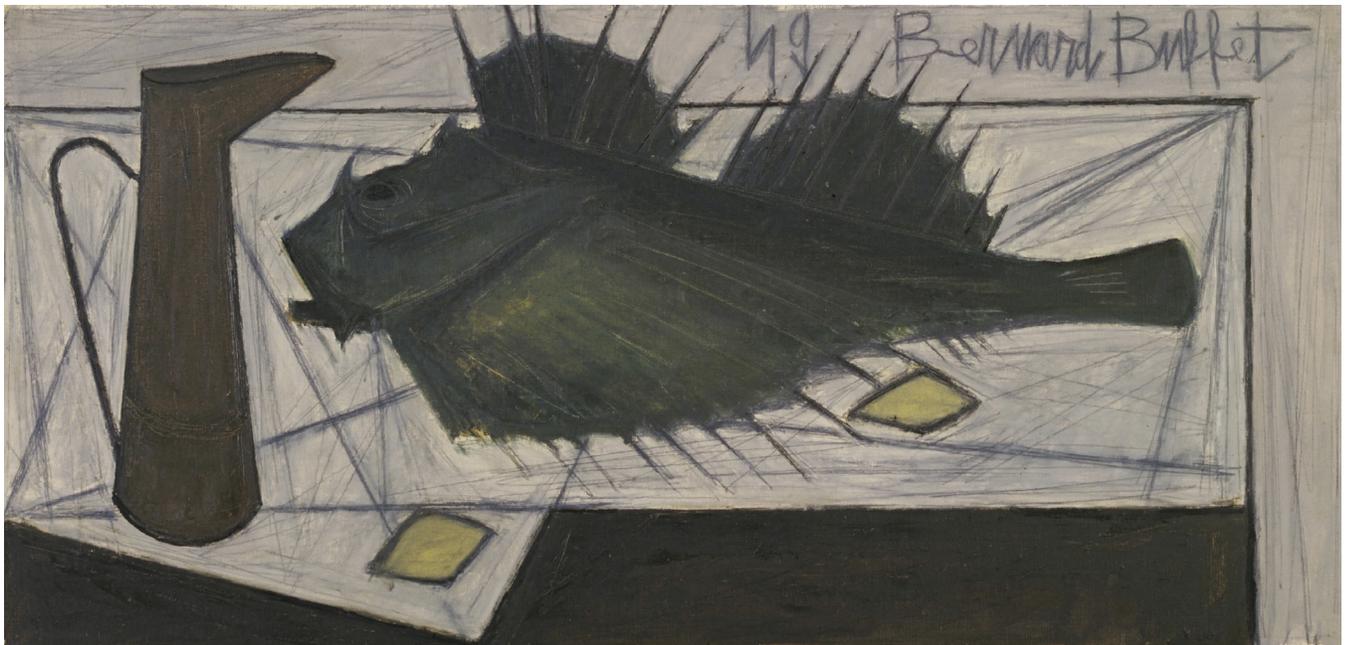


Bernard Buffet | *Still Life with Fish II*

1949

Medium: Oil on canvas

Dimensions: 16^{3/8} x 33^{1/2} inches | 41.6 x 85.1 cm



MoMA

The Museum of Modern Art
New York, NY, United States



Bernard Buffet | *Nature morte aux poires et cerises*

1951

Medium: Oil on canvas

Dimensions: 9^{1/2} x 19^{5/8} inches | 24 x 50 cm



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Basel, Switzerland



Bernard Buffet | *La cheminée*

1951

Medium: Oil on canvas

Dimensions: 45 x 57^{1/2} inches | 114 x 146 cm



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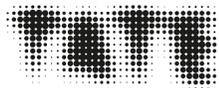
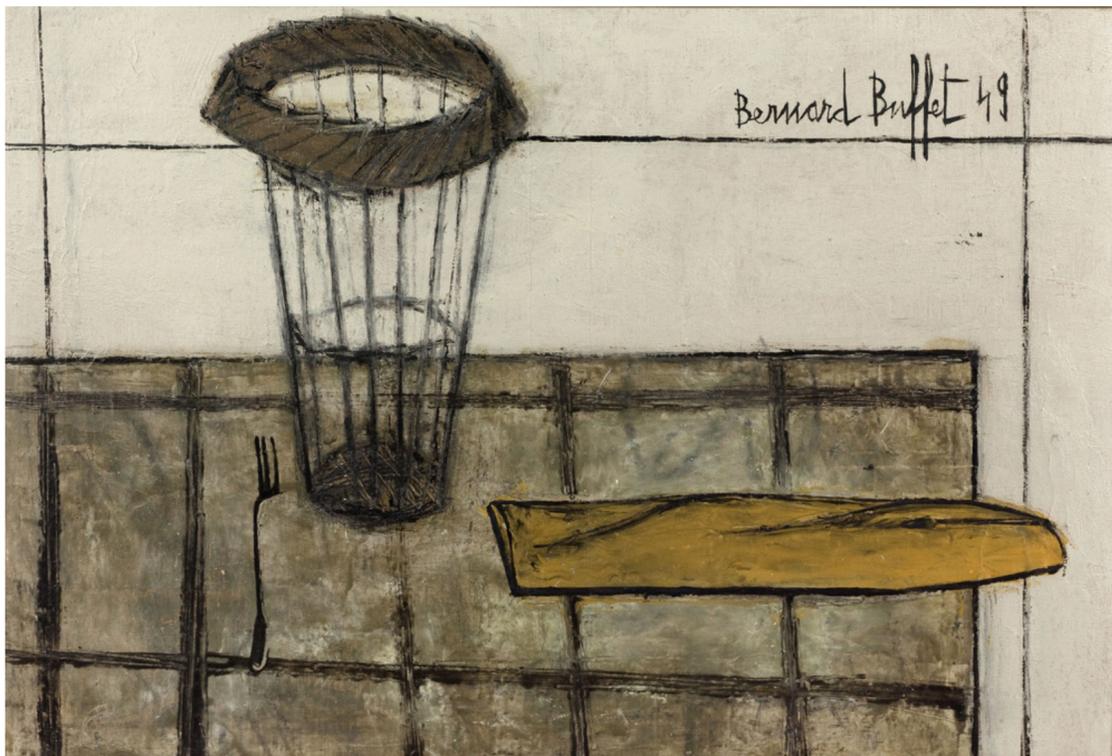


Bernard Buffet | *Nature morte à la corbeille*

1949

Medium: Oil on canvas

Dimensions: 15 x 21^{5/8} inches | 38 x 55 cm



Tate Modern
London, England



Bernard Buffet | *Intérieur*

1950

Medium: Oil on canvas

Dimensions: 77^{1/8} x 106^{1/4} inches | 196 x 270 cm



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