

Ernst Kirchner

Germany, 1880–1938

Painter, printmaker, and sculptor.

Trained as an architect, known for his incredibly prolific printmaking production, haunting cityscapes, and distorted figurative paintings.

1905 founded “Die Brücke” artists’ group with Dresden University friends Fritz Bleyl, Erich Heckel, and Karl Schmidt-Rottluff;

Influenced by African, Indian, and Oceanic Art.

Enlisted as an “unwilling volunteer” in the war.

Suffered a mental and physical breakdown and discharged.

Moved to Switzerland continued making prints, completing over 2000

639 of his works were taken out of Museum collections by the Nazi party.

1938 died by his own hand.



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