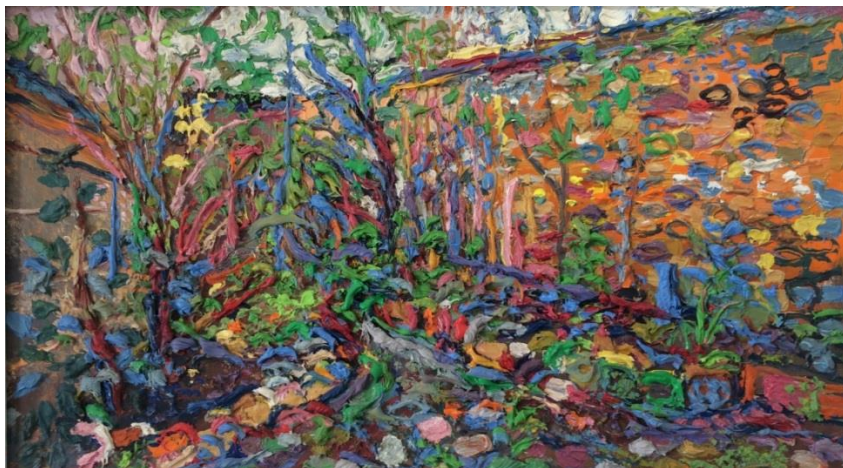


Fred Yates



Mon Jardin – 60cm x 38cm



St Just, Penzance – 35cm x 55cm



School's Out – 11 cm x 29cm

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Fred Yates – Biography

Fred Yates (25 July 1922 – 7 July 2008) was born in Urmston, Greater Manchester. Untutored but demonstrating tremendous self-discipline in his work, whether in his earlier paintings - of the rich industrial architecture of Manchester, the red brick terraces and the commotion and humour of street life - or later in life when he often stated that he spent years trying to forget anything he had ever been taught about painting.



*Photograph courtesy of the Fred Yates society:
<https://fredyates.wordpress.com/>*

Whatever his subject matter, he found a way to capture the essence of a real, if often fading sense of English life. For him, beauty resided in simplicity and a child's mind although he himself was one of the most sophisticated of naives. His freedom of expression was underpinned by a complete grasp of drawing, colour and composition.

Fred Yates taught for twenty years before moving to Cornwall in 1969, to enable him to devote all his energy to painting. While he still painted scenes, remembered from his childhood in Manchester, he also worked on sunnier landscapes, new faces and activities that surrounded him.

Fred Yates' work is marked by lush, vibrant colours - thick paint often squeezed straight from the tube and as such, wonderfully combines the simple and the sophisticated to create some real masterworks. We have a wide selection of Fred's work at the gallery. Find out more by scanning the QR code below or visiting our website:



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