



# Christian Dior - Christian Bérard

## A Cheerful Melancholy

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- With more than 100 images from the Dior archives, this book immerses the readers in the heart of the lives of Christian Dior and Christian Bérard
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Christian Dior and Christian Bérard met at the end of the 1920s. They immediately became friends, nourished by elective affinities and an incredible complementarity. If Christian Dior marks his time with his architectural work as a couturier who will redesign the silhouette of women for a long time, Christian Bérard is a jack of all trades – painter, illustrator, and theater designer for Jean Cocteau among others. Both have a crucial influence on their respective careers.

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