



Christopher Wood, *Boy with Cat (Jean Bourgois)*, 1927, Courtesy of Kettle's Yard

Christopher Wood: In Love

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- Published to accompany a major new exhibition at Kettle's Yard, Cambridge, UK, 13 February - 20 June 2027, reintroducing a key figure of British modernism
- Explores the artist's work through love, friendship, travel and creative exchange
- Highlights previously unseen works alongside new curatorial research
- Includes painting, drawing, stage design and rare archival material
- Situates Wood within an international avant-garde network including Jean Cocteau, Serge Diaghilev and the Ballets Russes
- Beautifully designed and richly illustrated throughout

Published to coincide with the exhibition at Kettle's Yard, **Christopher Wood: In Love** offers an intimate and revelatory encounter with one of Britain's most compelling modern artists. Drawing on new research and previously unpublished works from private collections, the book traces Wood's brief yet incandescent career through the relationships, places and creative exchanges that shaped his art. Structured in a series of thematic 'acts', it moves from London and Paris to the Mediterranean and Brittany, weaving together painting, drawing, stage design and archival material to illuminate Wood's passionate devotion to both art and life. Six newly commissioned essays explore questions of love, performance and sexuality in the early twentieth century, situating Wood within an international avant-garde network that included Jean Cocteau, Serge Diaghilev and the Ballets Russes. Beautifully designed and richly illustrated, this publication is an essential contribution to Christopher Wood scholarship and a vital companion to a vibrant moment in British modernism.

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