



Picture of the artist



Picture of the artist painting outside



Another example of his artwork

# Hans Hofmann

**BORN:** 1880 in Germany

**DIED:** 1966 (age 85)

## QUOTES FROM THE ARTIST

"painters must speak through paint, not through words."

"The whole world, as we experience it visually comes to us through the mystic realm of color."

## ABOUT THE ARTIST

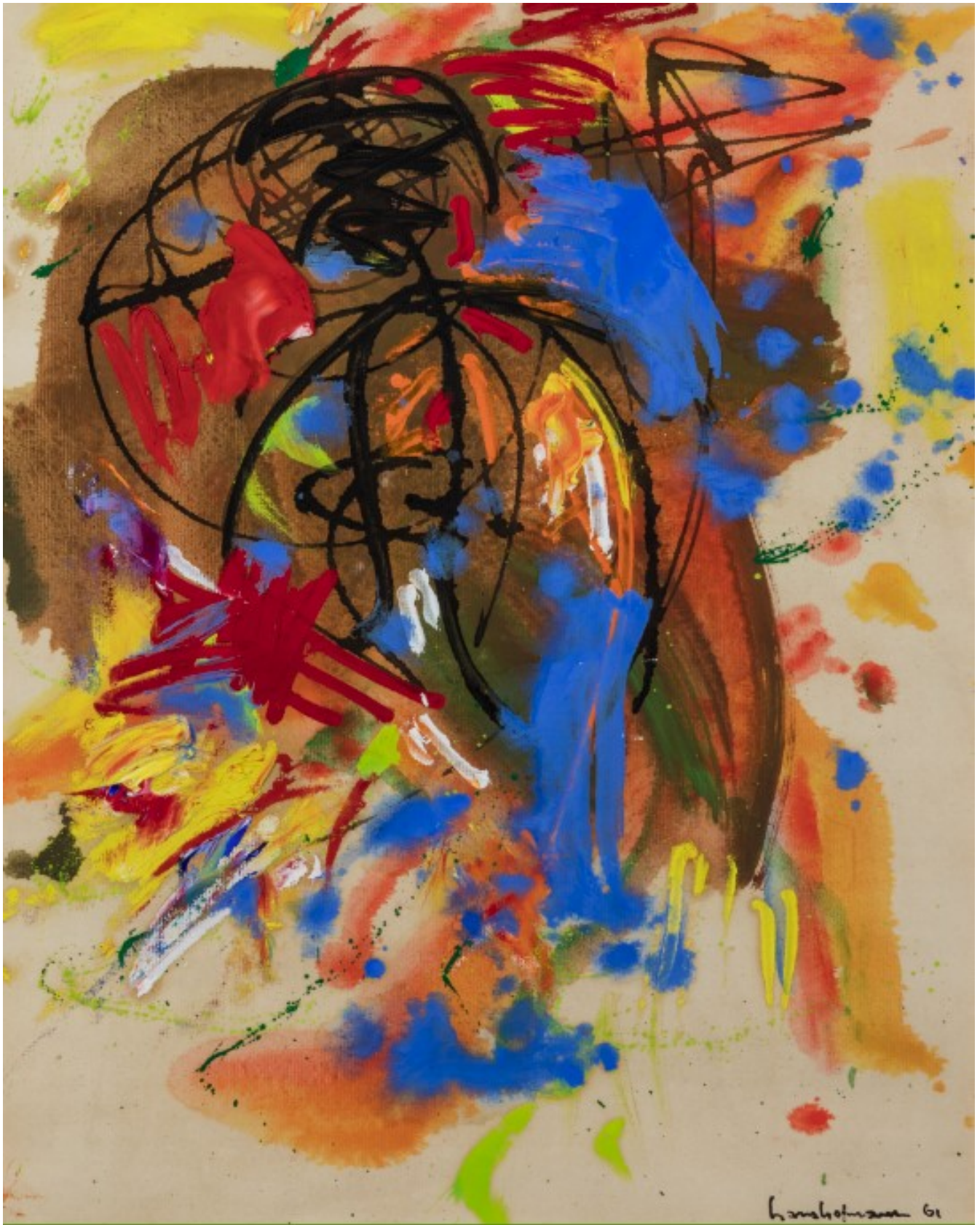
- Moved to Paris when he was 24 and met some of the most famous artists of his time
- Moved back to Germany and opened the Hans Hofmann School of Fine Arts in 1915, where students could come study and practice art
- Later moved to the United States to teach at the University of California, Berkeley
- Then he moved to New York City and opened a second Hans Hofmann School of Fine Arts
- Had an idea called the "push-pull" theory that says warm and cool colors interact with each other to create depth
- Believed that all art is inspired by nature
- Liked to paint "en plein air" (outside)

## ARTWORK AT MOCA

*Untitled, 1961*

Oil on paper

- This work was created later in his career and shows the artists use of exuberant, primary colors and expressive lines, rendered through vigorous and dramatic brushstrokes.



ARTIST: Hans Hofmann  
TITLE: *Untitled*  
YEAR: 1961  
MATERIALS: Oil on paper