



**ROBERT NATKIN (1930-2010)**

**Bern Series**

Signed lower middle, "Natkin"

acrylic on canvas

48 x 53 in. (49 x 54 x 1 7/8 in.)

121.92 x 134.62 cm (124.46 x 137.16 x 4.76 cm)

1983

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Robert Natkin (1930-2010) was born in Chicago and graduated from the Art Institute of Chicago in 1952. Natkin's art blends Abstract Expressionism with Post-Impressionist colors. His work often runs in series he created using columns, grids and shifting planes. These works, with vertical stripes alternating between thick and thin, decorative and textured, are cheerful and light, invoking a specific lyricism. His painting is inspired by the color used by Henri Matisse and Pierre Bonnard, and the Cubism of Paul Klee. In 1959, Natkin joined a group of other artists from Chicago in an exodus to New York, where he began teaching and exhibiting his paintings.

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