

Joe Cox (1915-1997)



Untitled

22 x 40

1952

Joe Cox was born in Indianapolis, Indiana and studied art at the John Herron Art School and the University of Iowa. For the majority of his career, he taught at North Carolina State University. During his tenure there he became one of the state's leading artists and art educators. Cox, a faculty member in NC State's School of Design from 1954 until 1980, created paintings in an unmistakable style that lyrically explored viewers' perceptions of color, light, and space. A well-loved and influential teacher, his courses often had waiting lists. The *Color Wall*, created by Cox in 1972, became a popular campus landmark for students. Later in life he received the First Annual Raleigh Artsposure Artist Achievement Award in 1985, the Raleigh Medal of Arts Award in 1991 and the North Carolina Award in the Fine Arts in 1993.

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