

SARAH COLEGRAVE
FINE ART

Robert Kitchener Writing at a Table

Robert Buhler

Sold



REF: 375318

Height: 51 cm (20.1")

Width: 61 cm (24")

Framed Height: 64 cm (25.2")

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Description

ROBERT BUHLER, RA (1916-1989)

Robert Kitchener Writing at a Table

Signed l.r.: Buhler; signed and inscribed on the reverse: Robert Kitchener/Robert Buhler Oil on canvas
Framed

51 by 61 cm., 20 by 24 in. (frame size 64 by 74.5 cm., 25 by 29 in.)

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Buhler was born in London to Swiss parents. He studied commercial art in Zurich and Basel before returning to London and enrolling at St Martin's School of Art in 1934. The following year he won a scholarship to the Royal College of Art, but stayed there for only six weeks. He was friendly with many members of the Euston Road School who would visit his mother's bookshop and café on Charlotte Street. Although not a member of the group he was clearly influenced by this with his restrained tones and urban subject matter. In addition to his landscapes he was much admired as a portrait painter, both of commissioned works and of his friends, including Steven Spender, Ruskin Spear, Barnett Freedman, John Minton and Francis Bacon. The present portrait of Robert Kitchener can be dated to the mid 1930s. Another portrait of Robert Kitchener by Robert Buhler is in the collection of Southampton Art Gallery. Anthony Devas also painted a portrait of Robert Kitchener, exhibited at the Cooling Galleries in 1936. Devas, along with Buhler, was also closely associated with members of the Euston Road School.