

## Ashot

Ashot's early development as an artist took place in Yerevan, Armenia. He was recognized while still in high school by venerated elders as a young man with an extraordinary gift. He painted his first commission piece at the age of 15. Under the mentoring of Yervand Cotchard, a celebrated painter and sculptor who had been active in the Picasso and Leger's artistic circle, Ashot gained artistic knowledge, technique and wisdom that influenced the direction of his career. Cotchard was no friend of the Soviet authorities, and in this area, his advice was very useful, because it gave Ashot the strength to follow his natural inclination and resist membership in any of the official (i.e. Communist Party-affiliated) organizations that provided artists with whatever they needed: studios, commissions, exhibition opportunities, etc. Instead, the path Ashot chose was the path of the pure, uncompromising artist who served only Art, relied entirely on his own skill, and refused to adapt his art to suit an ideology that did not respect his own aesthetic expertise. In 1990 Ashot immigrated to the United States and later became a naturalized US citizen.

Ashot's career primarily grew out of the San Francisco region with major shows in Los Angeles. In 2005, Buckingham Palace acquired five of his paintings. Then in 2006, as Queen Elizabeth the Second celebrated her 80th birthday, Buckingham Palace acquired another 13 works, including several impressive, large portraits of Her Majesty at the time of her Coronation, and of HRH Prince Philip, the Duke of Edinburgh.

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