Popular Pre-Raphaelite

EDWARD BURNE-JONES: VICTORIAN ARTIST-DREAMER/Stephen Wildman and John Christian.—New York, NY: The Metropolitan Museum of Art, dist. by Harry N. Abrams, 1998.—372 p.: ill.—ISBN 0-87099-858-7 (cl., alk. paper): \$75.00.

Interest in the Victorian artist Edward Burne-Jones, who is often associated with the Pre-Raphaelites, dwindled during the first part of the twentieth century but revived in Britain in the 1960s. Since then there have been two exhibitions devoted to Burne-Jones, a major one in England in 1975 and a smaller one in Italy in 1986, but none had been mounted in the United States or France. The centenary of Burne-Jones's death in 1998 provided a welcome excuse to bring his work to the United States and France, and a comprehensive exhibition accompanied by this catalog was organized by the Metropolitan Museum of Art in collaboration with the Musée d'Orsay and the Birmingham Museums and Art Gallery.

Authors John Christian and Stephen Wildman played

a major part in the selection and arrangement of works in the exhibition. Both have made significant contributions to Burne-Jones's scholarship—Christian as the main organizer of the 1975 exhibition—and their expertise is evident in the balanced selection of works and scholarly text. The catalog is divided into eight sections, arranged in chronological order. Each section covers one period of Burne-Jones's life and includes a biographical text by Christian and detailed catalog entries by Wildman and Christian for the art works created during that period. Burne-Jones worked in a variety of media, producing drawings and paintings, stained glass, tapestries, jewelry, and book illustrations. Each medium, with the exception of the 1860s watercolors, is well represented. The main body of the catalog is supplemented with essays by Alan Crawford on Burne-Jones as a decorative artist and by Laurence des Cars on the artist's reception in France and Belgium.

All the scholars approach their topics through traditional historical methods, and in looking through the volume one finds little evidence of the recent debates on art historical methodologies. Wildman has done previous work on Burne-Jones's middle-class patrons, but very few others have attempted to interpret the artist's work in the light of current methodologies, although the exhibition/catalog presented an opportunity to push the boundaries of scholarship on this popular artist. Nonetheless, the text does provide solidly researched biographical information, as well as hard-to-find information, some previously unpublished, on individual art works. The catalog is beautifully produced and abundantly illustrated. Overall, it provides an excellent introduction to the artist and his work and will be an essential resource for any student or scholar working on the artist. It is the most comprehensive monograph to date on Burne-Jones and purchase of this title is recommended for all art libraries.

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