**Georges Mathieu. Retrospettiva/**

**Georges Mathieu. Retrospective**

curated by Daniel Abadie and Dominique Stella

Credito Valtellinese Gallery - Milan

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The retrospective of the painting works by **Georges Mathieu**, organized by the **Jeu de Paume** **National Gallery** and by the **Gruppo Credito Valtellinese Gallery**, is the first important exhibition dedicated to this artist, who after the war deeply affected the renewal of abstraction on an international level. From 1944 Georges Mathieu has, in fact, worked for an art freed from any formal constraints, totally disputing the concept of geometrical abstraction. For this reason he has appeared - in the eyes of the American critics (especially of Clément Greenberg) - as the only European artist as important as the painters from the School of New York. The exhibition **Georges Mathieu, retrospettiva/ Georges Mathieu, retrospective**, curated by Daniel Abadie and Dominique Stella, gathers more than fifty paintings, mostly on canvas, but also some acrylics, which illustrate the evolution of Mathieu's work from the first abstract paintings of 1946 (*Conception*, *Désintégration*) up to the acrylics on paper of 1999, coming from French, European, American and Asian private and public collections.

The exhibition is completed by the catalogue by **Silvana Editore** made in co-production with the **Gruppo Credito Valtellinese** Foundation and the Editions du Jeu de Paume, including the reproductions of all the works on display, as well as more of his fundamental works and the critical texts in Italian and French by Daniel Abadie, Dore Ashtone, Koichi Kawasaki, Dominique Stella and Kristine Stiles.

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