

# Портрет в творчестве М.В.Веревкиной

Portrait in the creative work of Marianne von Werevkin



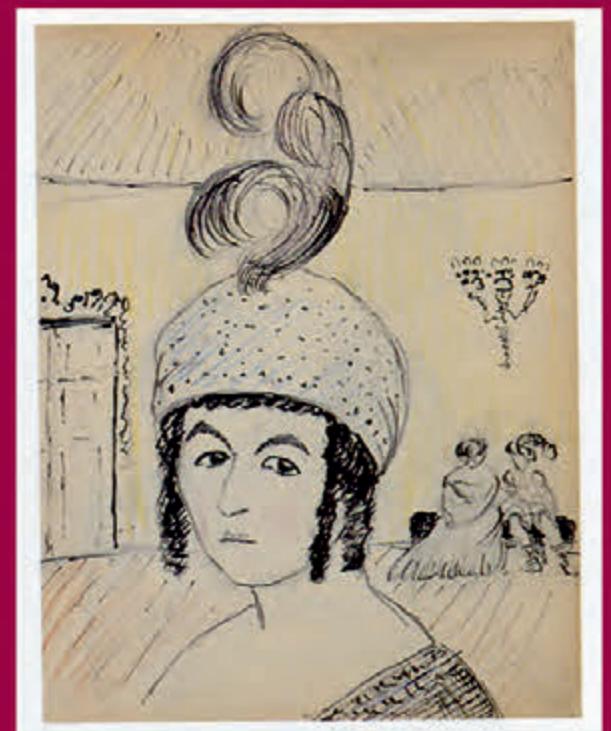
1. Вера Репина, 1881. Х., м. 89 x 58  
Vera Repina, 1881. Oil on canvas, 89 x 58  
Location not known



2. Адам, 1883. Масло, холст. 43x69  
Adam, 1883. Oil on canvas, 43x69



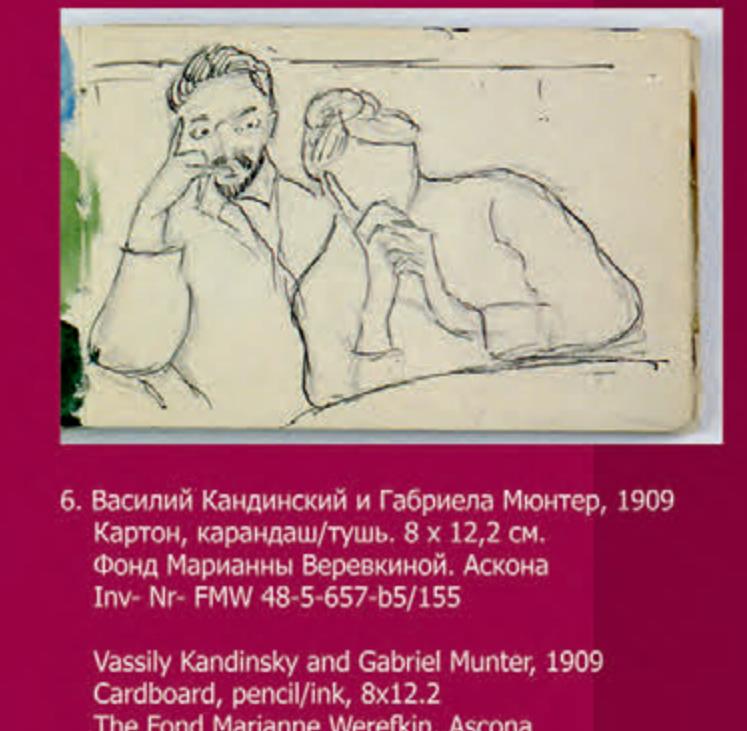
3. Автопортрет в морской блузке, 1883. Х., м. 69x51  
Частное собрание.  
Self-portrait in a sailor blouse, 1883. Oil on canvas, 69 x 51  
Musée de l'art contemporain, Ascona. Inv. Nr. FMW 0-0-1



4. Елен, 1908. Картон, карандаш/тушь. 21,8x18  
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5. Яленский, 1908. Картон, тушь.  
Музей современного искусства, Асона  
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6. Василий Кандinsky и Габриэль Мюнтер, 1909. Картон, карандаш/тушь. 9 x 12,2 см.  
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Vassily Kandinsky and Gabriel Münter, 1909  
Cardboard, pencil/ink, 9x12,2 cm.  
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14. София Веревкина, 1885. Масло, холст  
Место нахождения не известно  
Sofia Werevkin, 1885. Oil on canvas  
The location is not known

15. Автопортрет, 1910. Бумага на картоне, темпера, 52x34  
Городская галерея Лейбахаус. Мюнхен  
Self-portrait, 1910, paper on cardboard, tempera, 52x34  
City gallery Leibnizhaus. Munich



21. Эскиз к картине «В кафе», 1909. бумага, гашёная. 12,5x18  
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Sketch for the painting "In the cafe", 1909, gouache on paper, 12,5x18  
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22. В кафе, 1909. бумага, темпера. 54x72,2  
Фонд Марianne Веревкиной, Асона  
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In the cafe, 1909. Tempera on paper, 54x72,2  
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19. Асона. Фото, 2014  
Ascona. Photo, 2014



20. Асона. Отель (Пансиион) Меридиан. Фото, 2014  
Ascona. Hotel (Guesthouse) Meridian. Photo, 2014



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Marianne von Werevkin (1860-1938) is not very well-known in Russia despite that her creative works applies to both Russian and European culture. In the process of her creative development she evolved from academic realistic style towards the early modernist manner of the first third of the 20th century. After her emigration to Germany in 1896 and later to Switzerland in 1914 interest to her work in the Homeland appeared only in late 1980s.

The purpose of this study is to explore the changes in the creative method of Werevkin using the analysis of the range of her portraits. She reconsidered the idea of beauty giving away the realistic manner in favour of abstract "beauty and ideal". In her diary ("The Letters to the Unknown") she explains her refusal of artistic realism, examining ideals of Aristotle and Plato described as "kalokagathia". The symbolic language of one of these letters appeals to the antique mythology and religious implications appear in her painting.

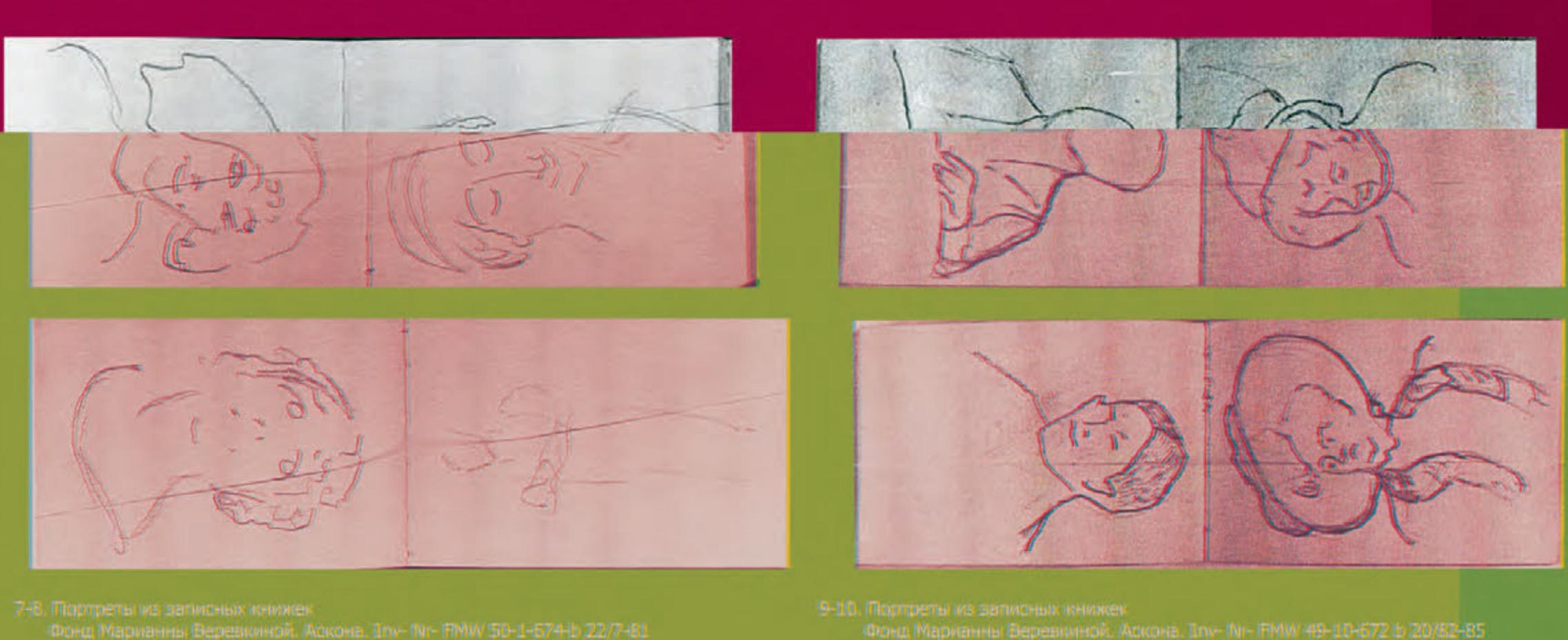
Werevkin had been revising the principles of portrait-painting during all of her life. In Russia she created a series of portraits carried out in realistic "Self-portrait" (1893).

Her notebooks are of particular interest. In 1896 Werevkin quits painting and she had mentioned this fact many times in her diary. She did not create pictures for the following decade however she always kept small notebooks for sketching near at hand. These sketchbooks are filled with numerous portraits of friends, musicians and dancing ladies and gentlemen. Some of these portraits represent a transitional phase to modernism.

In 1906 Werevkin is back to painting. Such new expressionistic portraits as "At the Billiards" (1907), "At the Café" (1909), "The Portrait of Sakharova" (1909), "Self-portrait" (1910) appear before the viewers' glances. Now her pictorial grammar and technique are subject to a drastic change, Werevkin switches to using tempura in combination with pastel, pencil and drawing ink. Hereby, Werevkin creates planar images, as if trying to detach her models of surrounding reality.

Her late artistic period is filled with symbolism. Werevkin paints the portrait of Salome (1930). Then she creates the series of works portraying the elders with a strong emphasis on the problematic of frailty and perishable nature: "The Old Man" (1932), "The Monk" (1932). Simultaneously she starts to cover the walls of her studio with images of saints.

As a result of archive studies, exploration of memoirs and artist's letters it became evident that she revised classical beauty ideals in her art. The philosophical implication, the splendor of colour and plastic solutions carry the touch of novelty of the pictorial language. The symbolization of expressionistic portrait takes place in the late period.

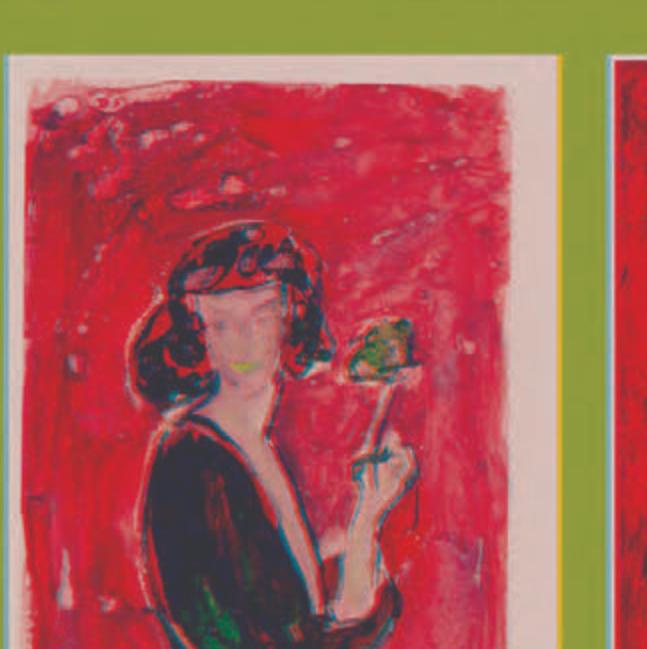


7-8. Портреты из записных книжек  
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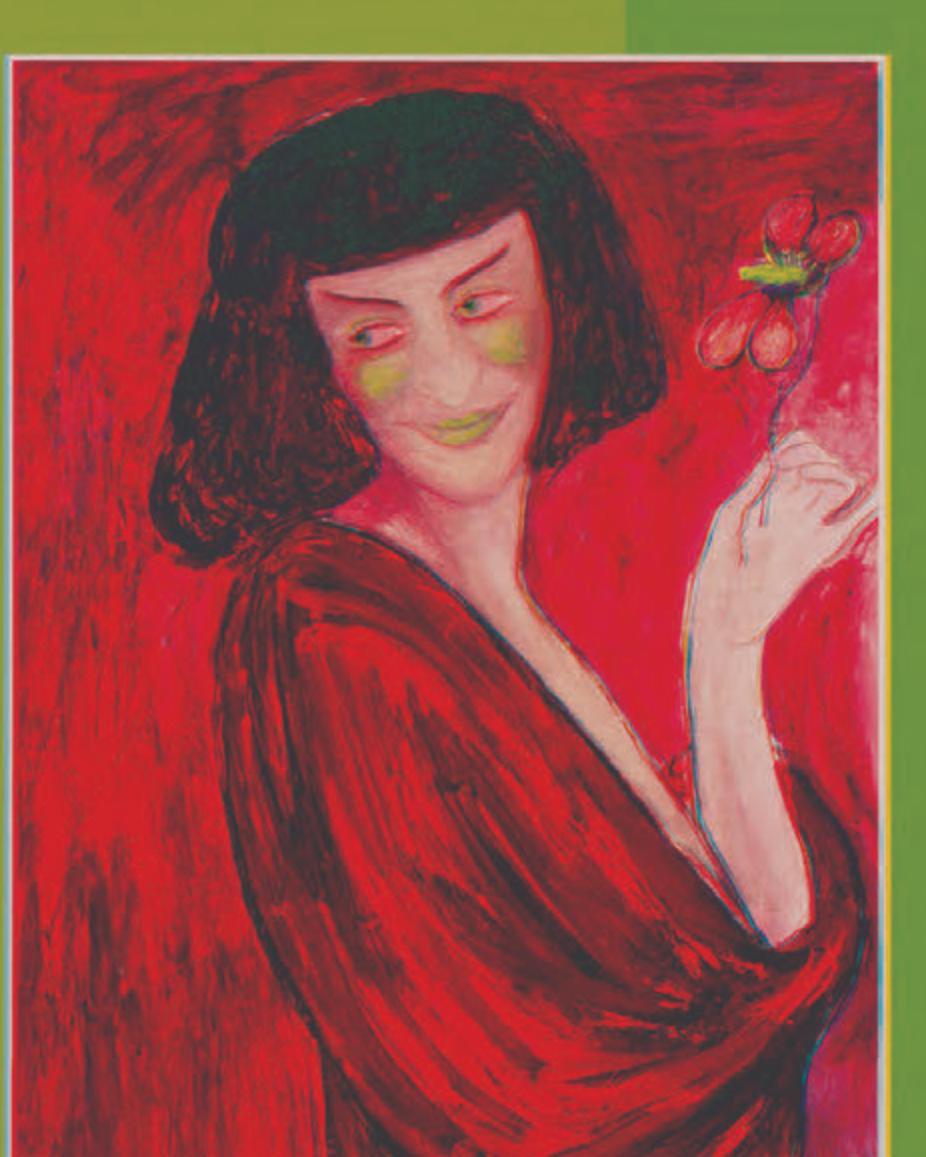
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Фонд Марianne Веревкиной, Асона. Эн. № - FMW 49-10-672-b 20/82-85



11. Игра в бильярд, 1907. картон, темпера, 35,5x37,5  
Коллекция Тилль Нойбург, Мюнхен



12. Саломе, 1909. бумага, темпера, 73,5x55  
Фонд Марianne Веревкиной, Асона. Эн. № - FMW 0-0-15

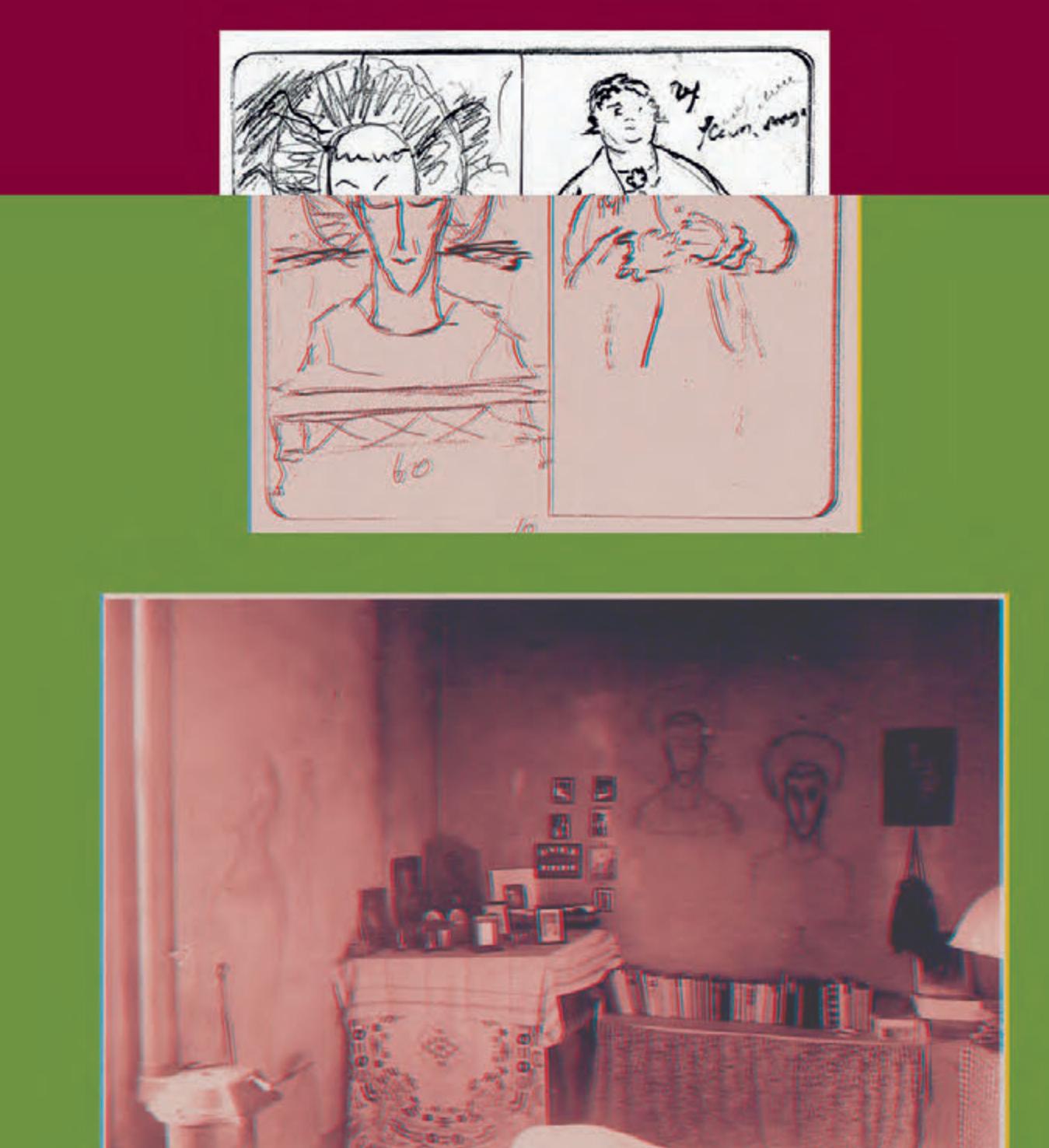


13. Эскиз к портрету Саломеи, 1909. бумага, гашёная  
Фонд Марianne Веревкиной, Асона. Эн. № - FMW 45-10-644-a35/131

14. Эскиз к портрету Саломеи, 1909. бумага, гашёная  
Фонд Марianne Werlekin, Ascona. Inv. Nr. FMW 45-10-644-A35/13



15. Саломея, 1930. картон, темпера  
Фонд Марianne Werlekin, Асона



17. Эскиз из записной книжки. Тетрадь синяя 20.  
Лист № 15-25. 1932. бумага, тушь, 19x27  
Фонд Марianne Werlekin, Асона  
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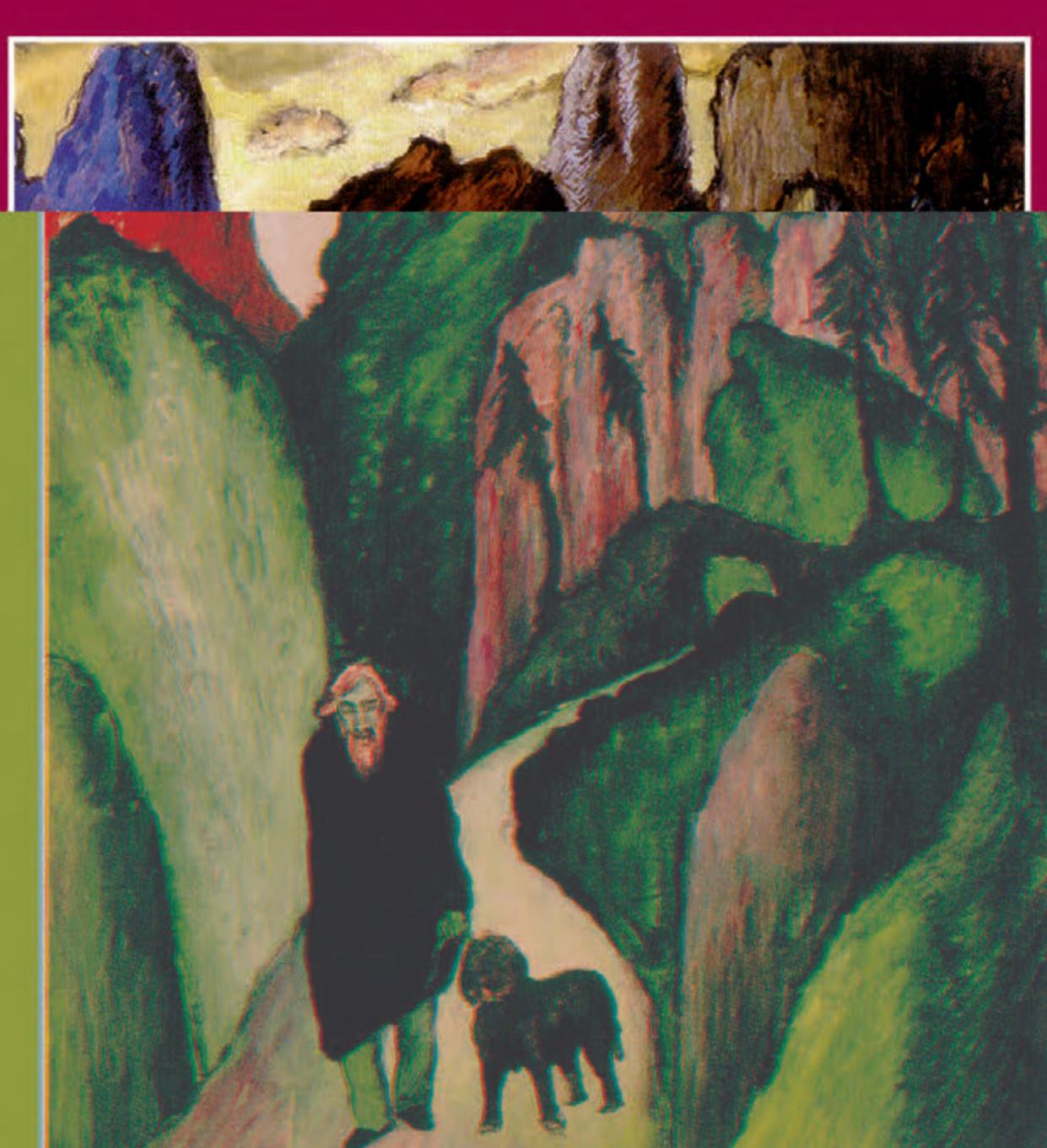
18. Эскиз к триptych wall paintings in the Casa Perugini  
Фото. Частное собрание  
Sketches for the triptych wall paintings in the Casa Perugini  
Photo. Private collection



23. Эскиз к картине «Старик», 1932. бумага, тушь. 19x20  
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24. Старик, 1932. картон, темпера  
Музей современного искусства, Асона

25. Старик, 1932. бумага, гашёная  
Фонд Марianne Werlekin, Асона  
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19. Асона. Фото, 2014  
Ascona. Photo, 2014



20. Асона. Музей современного искусства. Фото, 2014  
Ascona. Museo Comunale d'Arte Moderna. Photo, 2014