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GEORGES DUMITRESCO - ROMANIA

Georges Dumitresco was born in Bucharest in 1922 and has lived in Switzerland since 1969. A distinguished scholar, man of letters, philosopher, artist and medical doctor, he was named Man of the Year in 2001 by the American Biographical Institute, and Doctor of Writing in 2000. Dumitresco is a Member of the *Association vaudoise des écrivains*, the *Fédération internationale des écrivains de langue française*, the *Association des écrivains roumains* and the *Union mondiale des écrivains médecins (UMEM)*.

His work has been the subject of many articles and publications. In 1956, he founded the Ion Tuculescu group of doctor artists, he also founded the *Jura artistique* (Vallorbe, 1978-2002). He has published several collections of poems: the most recent, a three-language volume in Romanian, French and Italian, is entitled *Triptyque* and contains 142 poems and 80 illustrations.



The last hour

1975

Lithography

24 cm 17 cm

Donated by the artist after the exhibition *Georges Dumitresco and his world*, organized by the Permanent Mission of Romania (16 December 2002 - 10 January 2003).

The following extracts provide an insight into Georges Dumitresco's conception of art and creativity:

"Art is not mere imitation of the classics, an expression of the conventional, a static compilation; it is conquest, a maze of researches, creation, language, the irresistible orchestration of feeling, freedom of expression, a penetration of the imperceptible as far as paradox, a consuming passion, an act of courage and of faith."

"Haunted by my memories, anxieties and fears, I have cut all ties, abandoning myself to my burning passions, the kindness of the stars, and my quest for the impossible."

"Knowing that our very transience imposes tasks and terms, in my own journey through time I have set an emotional course for my life, ever striving to keep my identity."