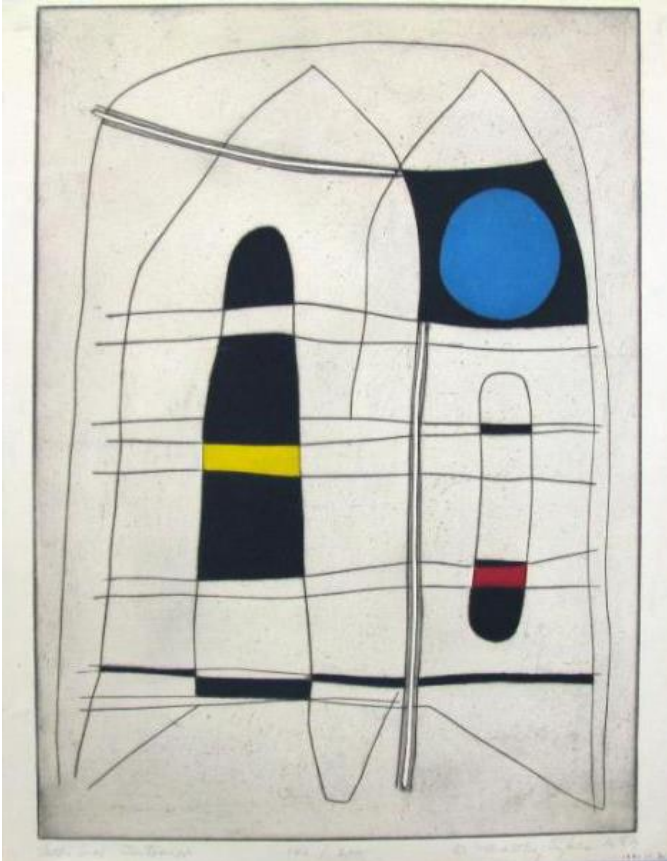


FAMILY ART ACTIVITY – Printmaking with String



The American artist Maltby Sykes was born in Mississippi but spent most of his life in Alabama. As a young artist, he was able to study and work with John Sloan, Diego Rivera, and Fernand Léger! He is best known as a printmaker, a type of art that is created by pressing paper onto some type of printing plate in order to make multiple copies of a work of art!

Maltby Sykes, *Cathedral Interior*, 1957. Aquatint on paper, Image: 18 1/2 x 13 1/2 inches (47 x 34.3 cm). 186 of 200. Collection of the Nasher Museum of Art at Duke University, Durham, North Carolina, USA. Gift of Dr. Leland Phelps, 1991.11.2 © Maltby Sykes

Activity:

You can create your own printing plate by glueing string or yarn to cardboard! First, use a pencil to create a simple design or to draw a simplified picture – something that is made up of lines. Next, using normal white school glue go over the lines of your design with a thin line of glue. Next, press the string or yarn into the glue and allow to dry. Once your printing plate is dry, you can then use a brush or your fingers to add paint to your plate. Once you've covered all of the string with paint (don't worry about it getting elsewhere on the paper), you can put a clean sheet of paper on top of your print and carefully press down. Make sure to press all around the image so all of your design transfers. Carefully peel up the piece of paper and admire your print! The best thing about printmaking is now you can repeat this process over and over – making as many prints as you want!



GLUE THE STRING



PAINT THE STRING



PRINT THE STRING!