## SALESROOM\_Arnulf Rainer - women behind veils, acrobats and contortionist

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Arnulf Rainer too began his dealings with the human body by using his own. In his Photographic series of the 60ies he appeares as model himself, creating series like "Körpersprache" (1967 - 1969).

In his subsequent actions, in the 70ies he avoids the actual physical body and moves his work to a meia level. While in the series "Face Farces" and "Body Poses" he photographed himself, he resorts to found picture material when examining the idea of feminity. He uses photographs and reproductions from th nineteenth and twentieth centuries, among them pictures from a wide range of social meilieus of the nineteenth and twentieth centuries and fifties, and owns up to his preference for acrobats, respectively contortionists. "The photos of the snake women touched me so much that I intervened by way of various graphic corrections and treid to transform these unique performances into picture blossoms. This was the first deliberate step away from using myself towards using ladies as dummies for the overpaintings", Rainer explained in 1988.



Arnulf Rainer Sonnenbad, 1970er Oil pastels ink oil on photo 50,6 x 60,8 cm Rai/P 700021



Arnulf Rainer Blauer Dunst I, 1970er Ink on photo 50,6 x 60,8 cm Rai/P 700018



**Arnulf Rainer** *Papier im Mund*, 1970er
Ölkreide Minenstiftauf Foto
50,6 x 60,8 cm
Rai/P 700020



Arnulf Rainer Ohne Titel, 1970er Oil on photo 50,6 x 60,8 cm Rai/P 700017



Arnulf Rainer Blauer Dunst II, 1970er Ink oil pastels on photo 60,9 x 50,6 cm Rai/P 700019



Arnulf Rainer Zehenzeiger(in), 1970er Ink oil pastels pencil 50,6 x 60,4 cm Rai/P 700016



**Arnulf Rainer** *Frühling*, 1970er
Ink oil pastels pencil
50,6 x 60,8 cm
Rai/P 700015



Arnulf Rainer
Akt, 2012
Acrylic on canvas on wood
84 x 59 cm
Rai/M 120007



Arnulf Rainer
Tanz der Drei (3) Spitzen, 1970er
Oil pastels on photo
60,8 x 50,5 cm
Rai/P 700014



Arnulf Rainer
Akt, 2012
Acrylic on canvas on wood
84 x 59 cm
Rai/M 120006



Arnulf Rainer
Ringelschlinge, 1977/91
Oil pastels oil on photo on wood
50 x 58 cm
Rai/M 770013



Arnulf Rainer Akt, 2012 Acrylic on canvas on wood 83 x 58,5 cm Rai/M 120005



Arnulf Rainer Frauensprache, 1977/91 oil on photo on wood 44 x 58,5 cm Rai/M 770011



Arnulf Rainer
Akt, 2009
Acrylic on canvas on wood
82 x 59 cm
Rai/M 090005



Arnulf Rainer
Frauensprache, 1977/91
Oil pastels oil on photo on wood
61,5 x 47,5 cm
Rai/M 770010