

L'AVENUE DU DR. DURAND, ARCUEIL

Diego Rivera

Kelvin Orduna
Composition II



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Description

- **Medium:** Oil on Canvas
- **Size:** 54 x 65 cm (21.x3 x 25.6 in)
- **Artist:** Diego Rivera (*September 1918*)
- **Exhibited:** Museo de Arte Moderno, Mexico City (2000)
- **Style:** Impressionism
- Avenue down the southern suburbs of Paris





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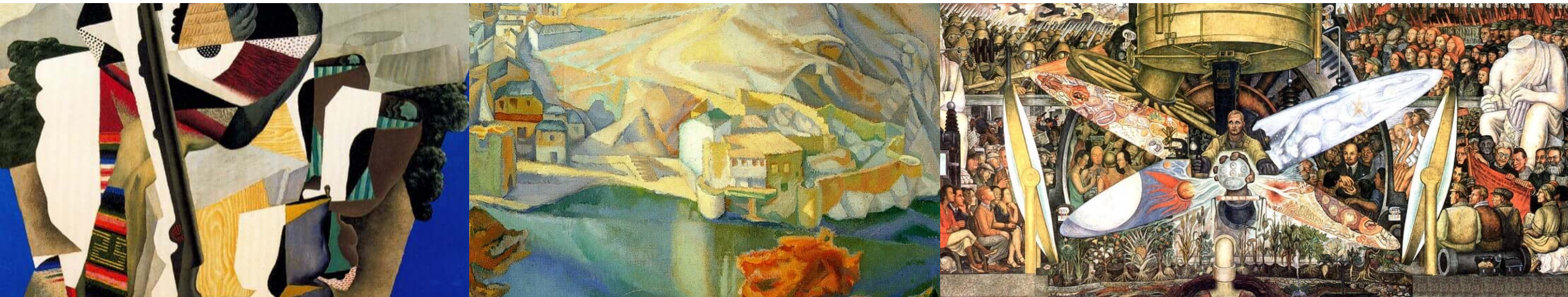
- Born in 1886 in Guanajuato, Mexico
- Academy of San Carlos
- European Study
 - Realist painter Eduardo Aguera
 - Paris, Italy, Madrid
- Return to Mexico
 - Leader in 20th-century Mexican Mural Movement
 - Mexican indigenous themes

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“I’ve never believed in God, but I believe in Picasso”

- Initial cubist phase
 - Influenced by Picasso
 - 1915 fallout
- Impressionism
- Reflecting view of society
 - Communist
 - Man at the Crossroads

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Historical Context

- Impressionism Style
 - French impressionism
 - Everyday life of suburban Paris
 - Momentary impressions
- Arcueil
 - Scientific and Artistic Hub
 - Pre-WWI Europe
 - Peaceful



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Subject and Composition

- Arcueil, Everyday street scene
- Unembellished landscape
- Ordinary scenes and moments in time
- Buildings and trees

Color and Light

- Subdued colors
- Shadow and Sunlight



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Brushwork and Texture

- Loose and fluid
- Quick, spontaneous, expressive strokes

Thematic Implications

- Sense of peacefulness and normalcy
- Ordinary life of people

Artistic Journey

- Return to Mexico
- Social and Political themes



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