Charles Burchfield: Elemental
Whitney Museum of American Art
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All works by Charles Burchfield (1893 – 1967)



The Tall White Sun, 1917
Watercolor, colored pencil, and graphite pencil on paper
Sheet: 22 × 18 in. (55.9 × 45.7 cm)
Frame: 31 × 25 in.
Purchase
31.410



Cricket Chorus in the Arbor, 1917
Transparent and opaque watercolor, brush and ink, and wax crayon on paper mounted on board
Sheet (irregular): 22 1/16 × 17 15/16 in. (56 × 45.6 cm)
Overall: 22 1/8 × 18 3/16 × 1/8 in. (56.2 × 46.2 × 0.3 cm)
Frame: 31 × 25 in.
Gift of Anne and John Straus
2009.203



August Evening, 1916
Watercolor and graphite pencil on paper
Sheet: 19 15/16 × 14 in. (50.6 × 35.6 cm)
Frame: 27 × 21 in.
Gift of Mr. and Mrs. Lesley G. Sheafer 55.43



Noontide in Late May, 1917
Opaque and transparent watercolor, and graphite pencil on paper
Sheet: 22 × 18 in. (55.9 × 45.7 cm)
Frame: 31 × 25 in.
Purchase
31.408



Overhanging Cloud in July, 1947–59
Watercolor on paper mounted on board
Sheet: 39 7/8 × 36 in. (101.3 × 91.4 cm)
Mount (board): 39 15/16 × 36 × 1/8 in. (101.4 × 91.4 × 0.3 cm)
Frame: 49 × 45 in.
Purchase, with funds from the Friends of the Whitney Museum of American Art
60.23



An April Mood, 1946–55
Watercolor and fabricated chalk on paper, mounted on board
Sheet: 40 × 54 in. (101.6 × 137.2 cm)
Mount (board): 40 × 54 × 1/8 in. (101.6 × 137.2 × 0.3 cm)
Frame: 48 3/4 × 62 3/4 in.
Purchase, with partial funds from Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence A. Fleischman
55.39



Cold September Rain, 1957
Watercolor, chalk and charcoal on paper mounted on board
Sheet: 29 15/16 × 39 3/4 in. (76 × 101 cm)
Mount (board): 30 × 39 13/16 × 3/16 in. (76.2 × 101.1 × 0.5 cm)
Frame: 37 × 47 in.
Charles Simon Bequest
96.60.10



Wet Snow and Ice, 1947–55
Transparent and opaque watercolor on paper
Sheet: 37 7/8 × 30 in. (96.2 × 76.2 cm)
Mount (board): 37 7/8 × 30 × 1/8 in. (96.2 × 76.2 × 0.3 cm)
Frame: 47 × 39 in.
Gift of Vincent B. Murphy, Jr.
95.89



Winter Light, Backyard, 1949–60
Watercolor on board
Sheet: 39 7/8 × 25 13/16 in. (101.3 × 65.6 cm)
Mount (board): 39 7/8 × 25 13/16 × 1/8 in. (101.3 × 65.6 × 0.3 cm)
Frame: 47 × 33 in.
Gift of Mr. and Mrs. Solomon K. Gross
76.34