Armand Guillaumin

Who Was He?

Armand Guillaumin (pronounced *Gee-yoo-la-man*) was
a French artist known for painting colourful landscapes
and everyday scenes.
He was part of the **Impressionist** and **Post-
Impressionist** movements and was friends with other
famous artists like Cézanne, Pissarro, and van Gogh.

🧑 Childhood

- Born in Paris, France, in 1841.
- Grew up in a family that ran a shop, so money was often tight.
- His full name was Jean-Baptiste Armand Guillaumin.
- Moved to Moulins in central France as a child, where he first fell in love
  with natural scenery.
- Showed a talent for drawing from a young age, often sketching when he
  had free time.
- Had to work from an early age to help support his family.

🎓 Education

- Took evening art classes while keeping a full-time job
- Studied drawing while working as a shop assistant and then in the French
  railway.
- Attended the **Académie Suisse**, a free art school in Paris.
- Became friends with Paul Cézanne and Camille Pissarro there, both
  became lifelong friends.
- Learned to paint with loose, colourful brushstrokes rather than exact
  detail.
- Learned to paint outdoors ("en plein air"), which helped him capture
  natural light.

🧑‍🎨 Career

- Helped start the **Impressionist movement**, painting light, colour, and
  outdoor scenes.
- Took part in the **first Impressionist exhibition** in 1874, and many more,
  with Monet, Degas, and others.
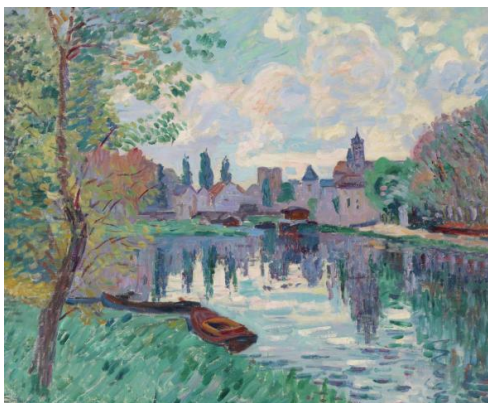- Was part of the Post-Impressionist movement

- His work influenced artists like **Vincent van Gogh**, who admired Guillaumin's colour.
- Won the lottery in 1891, which let him paint full-time without needing another job!
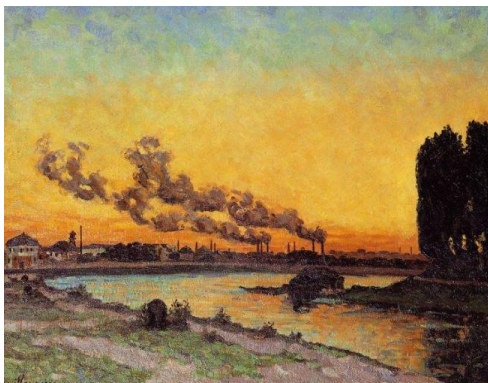
🗣️ Quotes from Guillaumin

"I like to paint what I see, and what I see is colour and light."
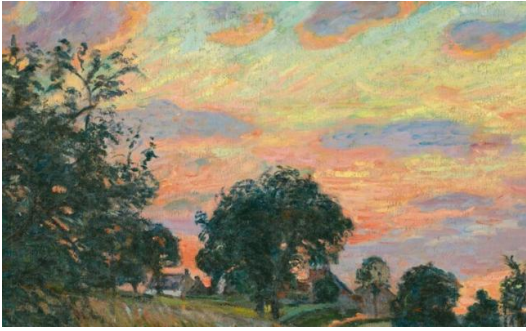"The sky is never just blue—it's violet, pink, orange, and gold!"
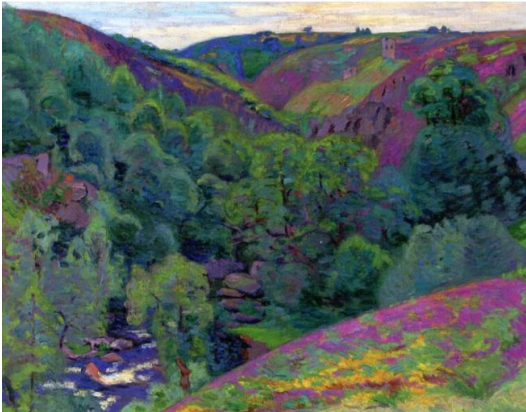
🎨 Art

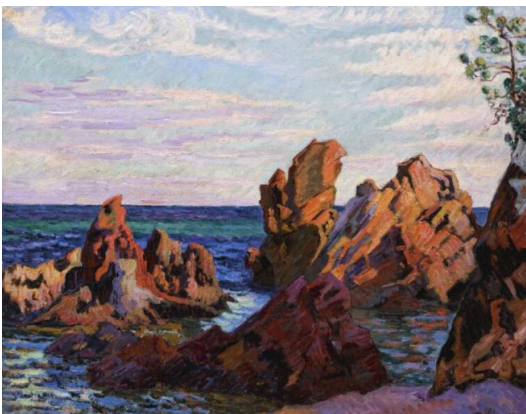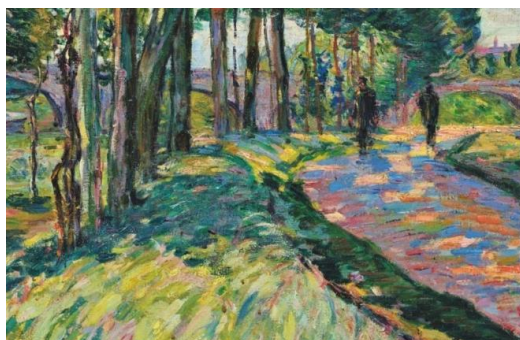Moret-sur-Loing

Sunset at Ivry

Road at Damiette

Hoarfrost, Crozant

Vallée de la Sédelle à la Folie, Crozant

The rocks at Île Bess

La Seine à Charenton (detail)