

Painting # 24

Private Collection
Anne & Kenneth Griffin, Chicago, IL

Title: *False Start*

Artist: Jasper Johns

(United States, Augusta, Georgia)

Date of Painting: 1959

(Style, Abstract, Expressionism, Pop Art)

This painting was purchased in 2006 for \$80,000,000. It was the highest price ever paid for a painting by a living artist.

False Start seems to explode in color just like a Fourth of July firecracker.

Jasper Johns was born in Georgia, grew up and attended school in South Carolina. He has lived most of his life in the New York City area.

Johns' art is very creative using different techniques to excite and touch people emotionally. Although linked to everyday Abstract Expressionism, his paintings have recognizable features. He does not avoid the use of everyday images.