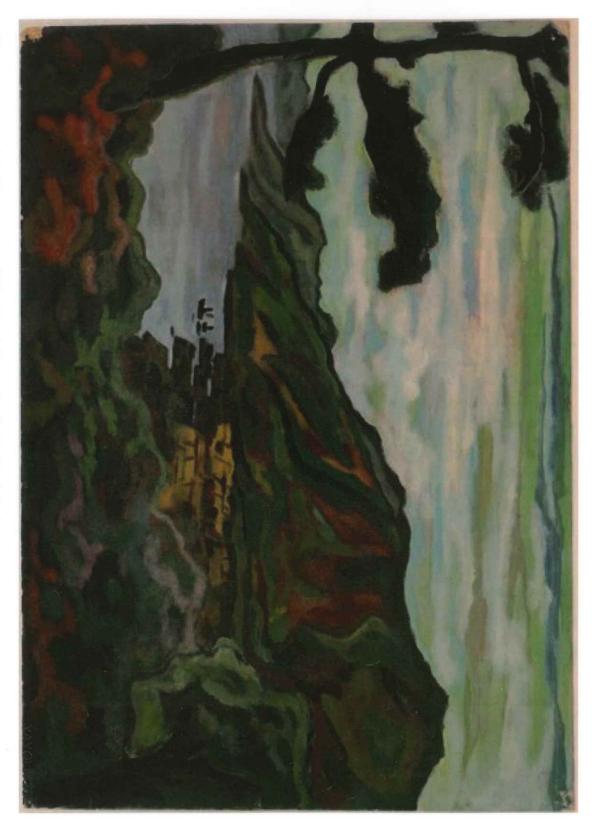
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returned to Japan Hiroshima survivors' art held in UK to be

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The works were painted by students of Hiroshima's Methodist Girls' High School

returned to Japan by the man who looked after them "for many decades". Paintings by pupils who survived a World War Two atomic attack are to be

the 1950s, who passed them to art education supervisor Michael Stevenson. The works were given to a Manchester teacher by a Hiroshima school principal in

anniversary of the attack in 2015 They were used as teaching aids and were shown at the House of Lords on the 70th

Mr Stevenson said Japan was now "the right place" for them.

The paintings were created by teenage students of the Methodist Girls' High School in the early 1950s.

after the bomb. less than three months later and is believed to be the first to have resumed teaching The school, which was destroyed in August 1945, reopened in a different location



One of the paintings depicts the Hiroshima Genbaku Dome, which famously survived the attack

They were taken to the US by Dr Takuo Matsumoto, who gifted them to Prue Wallis-

responsible for art education in her borough. On returning to the UK, Miss Wallis-Myers gave them to Mr Stevenson, who was

put in "almost five years of work" to make it happen. He said after he "became convinced the paintings should be returned to Japan", he

expressed in art by young people. the lessons they contain about the wonderful resilience of the human spirit "I believe the paintings should be appreciated not simply as beautiful objects, but for

and Hiroshima is the right place for that to happen, since that is were they were made." "For that reason, they deserve to be conserved for future generations to appreciate



The works were used as teaching aids in the North West for several decades

harmony and co-operation" "managed to inspire hundreds of teachers and students with their message of The Lord Mayor of Manchester, Carl Austin-Behan, said the collection had

"I'm delighted they can now be returned to their original home as a tribute to the friendship." artists who created them along with our message of thanks, appreciation and