

ARTY CATS

Julius Adam II - Germany
Arthur Heyer - Germany, Hungary
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Among the most prolific artists known for painting cats in oil on canvas are two Germans: Julius Adam II and Arthur Heyer.

In 2013, Central African Republic issued a souvenir sheet with a montage of three paintings by Adam and Heyer.

Julius Adam II

Julius Adam II (1852-1913) was born into a family of artists in Munich. Adam worked with his father, a photographer, and learned about retouching photos. He continued his art education too.

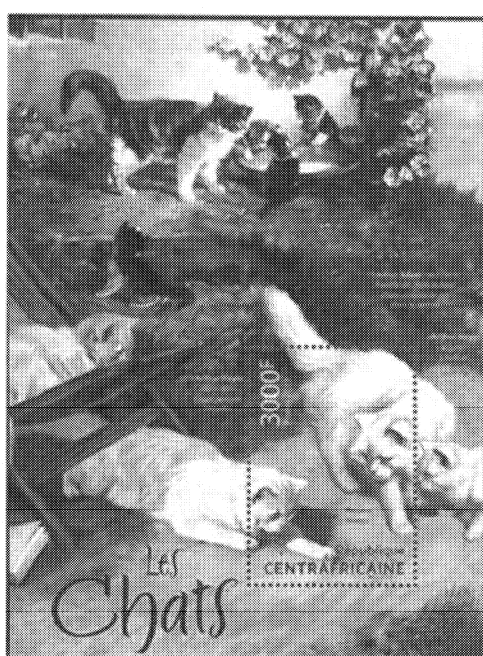
Adam was famous for painting various animals, but his most beloved models were domestic cats earning Adam's the nickname, 'Cat Adam.' Many of his oils are in private collections.

The top painting is by Adam, found in the top selvage: *Family of Cats Around a Plate of Milk in the Garden*. Three kittens are by the milk while the mother is looking at her fourth kitten who strayed. The picture is reversed on the souvenir sheet.

Arthur Heyer

Arthur Heyer (1872-1931) was known for his many oil on canvas paintings of cats, especially pure white Angoras, and was actually nicknamed "Cat Heyer."

Heyer studied art at the Museum of Decorative Arts in Berlin and began his career as an illustrator of local newspaper articles. Later he moved to



Cat paintings by Julius Adam II and Arthur Heyer are on this souvenir sheet from Central African Republic, issued in 2013.

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Budapest, Hungary where he had a prominent career as an artist and art professor. He also published two children's books with animal drawings.

Details from two of Heyer's paintings are cleverly combined into one design on the single stamp and continuing into the selvage. *Persian Cats* pictures the pair of white cats on and under a lawn chair.

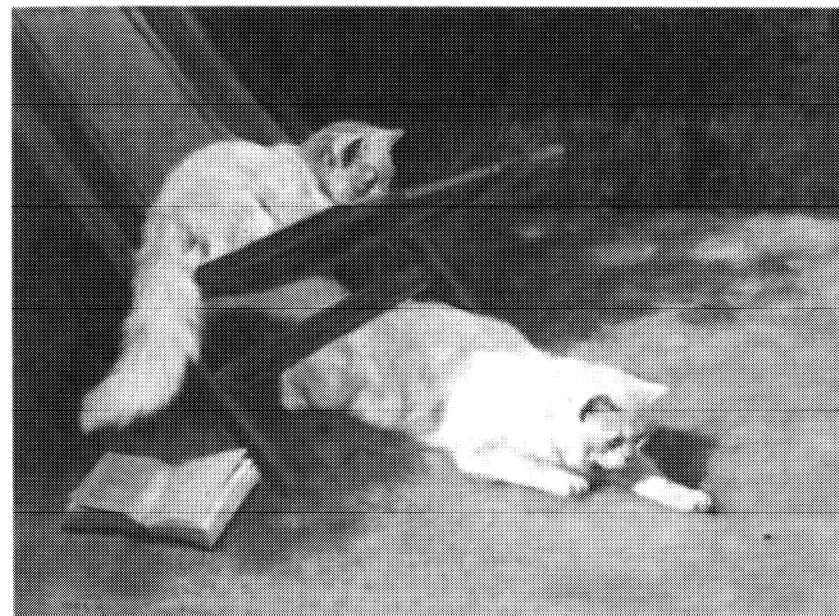
Another white cat and her kitten seem mesmerized by a small beetle in *Cats and a Ladybug*. The original painting has a blanket lying on a basket in the background omitted on the sheet.

Central African Republic created an interesting scene with white cats by combining three lovely paintings. 🐾

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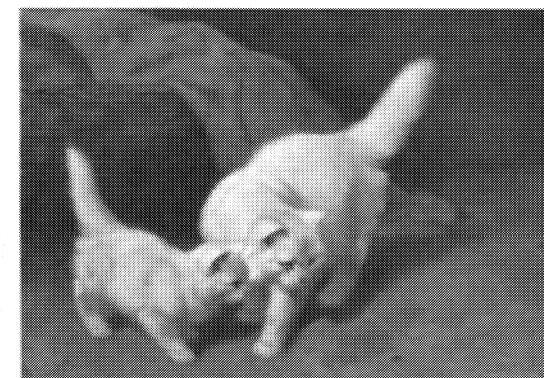


Julius Adam's *Family of Outdoor Cats Drinking Milk from a Plate in the Garden* (*Famille de Chats Outour d'une Assiette del Lait dans le Jardin*), is flipped horizontally on the sheet issued by Central African Republic in 2013.



Above: Arthur Heyer
Persian Cats (Chats Persans)

Arthur Heyer's paintings of Persians are shown here in their entirety. Two paintings are combined on the stamp and selvage of the 2013 sheet from Central African Republic.



Right: Arthur Heyer, *Cats and Ladybug (Chats et Coccinelle)*, is reversed on the sheet from Central African Republic.