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MINNIE EVANS and DAVID BUTLER

Color, Pattern and the Fantastic

Within the brilliant color and multi-layered patterns of their art, **Minnie Evans** (1892 - 1987) and **David Butler** (1898 - 1997), two southern self-taught artists, found a way to honor the God that drove them to create. Evans culled her artistic vision - fantastic and bold drawings of creatures, nature and the omnipresent eyes of God - from the luscious flora of Airlie Gardens in North Carolina, as well as from the voice of God. With his house and yard as his stage, Butler used his 'gift' - snipping tin cutouts and decorating them with enamel paints - to animate and embellish his world with creations God sent to him in his dreams. Seen together, they present their inspired visions with a similar love of color, pattern and an obsession with the ethereal.

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