

## Name and surname

Once you've learnt the name and surname you'll think that you've understood everything. How to get ahead with your work.

The name is Balthasar, and I'll spell it slowly for you so that you understand: it's spelt with t and h, as Teramo and hotel. I wonder why I said Teramo, as I don't even know where it is! I should have said Torino, which would have been simpler. As simple as water... and now Tinguely springs to mind, and its fountain in Basilea which gushes and sprinkles and goes "zzzzzzzz" just as the coloured group of bikes that speed pass you on the day of the Milano-San Remo race and make your heart beat fast and you clap your hands and say "look how good"! The fountain sprinkles and the water twists and Tinguely laughs and you feel out of place, and can't no longer say as simple as water. That's the way sculptures are: they're similar to a game which makes you feel embarrassed and similar to comedians that don't make you laugh.

I'm Swiss but I studied in Paris and then in America, he says, but... to tell the truth, I think that his father sent him away from home after he took apart all his clocks in order to hang all his geer inside them.

They won't tell the time, but it's like looking at the stars don't you think? he said.

And to think that he knew not to touch those clocks! We're Swiss, he answered, pointing with his arm to the door!... Well, it's notorious, Max Bill teaches. Klee was a mistake, a distraction...the stork was tired.that day.

Two opposites. One here and one there:

Melotti was a poet, a lofty, lyrical sculptor, an engraver... Colla no, he was different: he liked rusty iron, dirtying his hands, putting things down noisily on the floor and assembling things.. ... And Balthasar? Well he stays somewhere in between, balanced with Tinguely and Calder.

I've understood that he can be everything, and, at the same time contrary to everything. A little displaced and a little Swiss....a bit like Bill and a bit like Klee. When he's like Klee you must remember not to leave him any clocks.

Oh, I was forgetting...Balthasar's surname is Brennenstuhl. Now I'll spell it for you... Br as Br...

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