

***Per
Kirkeby,
Painter
Inspired
by
Nature,
Is Dead
at 79***

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Per Kirkeby, a Danish artist who trained as a geologist before turning to painting quasi-abstract landscapes that were often characterized as Neo-Expressionist, died on May 9 at his home in Copenhagen. He was 79.

The New York branch of the Michael Werner Gallery, his primary representative for over 40 years, said the cause was complications of a series of strokes.

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