

IMPORTANT PAINTINGS AND SCULPTURE

3 abbey street, newton, auckland

thursday 22nd may 2008 at 6.30pm

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Introduction



Welcome to ART+OBJECT's first Important and Paintings and Sculpture auction catalogue for 2008. Since A+O's launch in 2007 the company has been favoured with many important artworks and collections. In the last twelve months we have offered the Bev and Murray Gow Collection and the ART & TEXT Group collection which formed the centrepiece of our most recent Contemporary Art+Object catalogue.

This catalogue includes a number of works from the Colenso BBDO collection (lots 7, 20, 23, 50 & 51). For the last fifteen years these paintings and sculpture have been much admired at Colenso BBDO's College Hill offices in Auckland and it is with great pleasure that we offer them for your appreciation. Important works by Dick Frizzell, Allen Maddox, Paul Dibble, Stephen Bambury and Neil Dawson are particularly fine examples by these artists and many are of a scale seldom offered.

A+O has placed a particular emphasis on the presentation of important sculptural work. We are fortunate to be able to accommodate large –scale sculpture in our gallery space and evidence for the growth in enthusiasm for sculpture can be seen in the attendance at sculpture events such as Sculpture in the Gulf which celebrates its fourth iteration in the summer of 2009 (log onto www.sculptureonthegulf.co.nz for more information).

In November of this year the second NZ Sculpture OnShore will launch under the curatorship of regular A+O catalogue essay contributor Rob Garrett (see www. nzsculptureonshore.co.nz for more information)

The pulling power of sculpture was seen at the recent Stoneleigh Sculpture in the Gardens event at the Auckland Botanic Gardens in late 2007 which attracted 250.000 visitors.

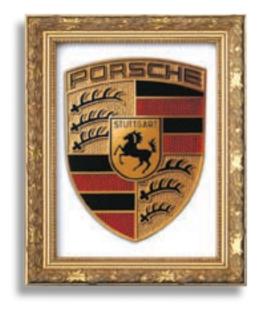
The growth of private sculpture parks has provided an opportunity for passionate collectors to share their love of the medium. Amongst the most notable of these are Connells Bay Sculpture Park on Waiheke Island (www.connellsbay.co.nz for more information) and the Waitakaruru Arboretum and Sculpture Park in the Waikato (www.sculpturepark.co.nz).

Just north of Auckland are two fantastic sculpture parks; the Brick Bay Sculpture Trail just north of Matakana (log onto www.brickbaysculpture.co.nz for more information) and eminent sculptor Terry Stringer's private gallery and park Zealandia on the Mahurangi West Road (www.zealandiasculpturegarden.co.nz for more information.)

A final note; on May I this year A+O celebrated the anniversary of our first auction. This catalogue is our nineteenth. It is only through the fantastic support of hundreds of buying and selling clients and the thousands of visitors we have met over the last year that we are able to continue to offer such superb works.

We look forward to meeting you again at the pre-auction exhibition opening on Friday the 16th of May.

Left: Lot 20 Busy Lady (detail) by Paul Dibble from the Colenso BBDO collection







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APRIL 3 2008*

et al. Notes 26 - 6 \$7500

2 | Glen Hayward I am Old Enough to be my Own Father \$5000





3 Sara Hughes Love Me Tender 4 \$6500

4 Peter Robinson
Pakeha Have Rights Too
\$48,000



6 Bill Hammond
The Country Cottage
\$75,000

* note prices realised exclude buyer's premium











ACT IV

The sharp end

Very specific rules govern the behaviour of fencers while competing. Less clear-cut, however, are the rules of engagement between friends, especially when the affection of a beautiful young temptress is at stake. This was the sharp end of the rivalry, where the winner would take all but lose what was most precious. En garde. Prêt. Allez.



Object Highlights

APRIL 3 2008*

I Crown Lynn TWharetana bowl \$4400

2 Len Castle Discoid vase \$2800

3 Daniel Steenstra for Crown Lynn Hand crafted shoulder vase \$1000

4 Len Castle Branch pot \$4100

5 Olive Jones Bullet shaped vase on four feet \$2000

6 Olive Jones Cylindrical vase with Maori figural supports \$3800

7 Daniel Steenstra for Crown Lynn Hand crafted shoulder vase \$800

8 Richard Killeen Fish and Sticks \$825

9 | Crown Lynn Wharetana Ware Bookends modelled as moko mokai \$4200

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Photography Highlights

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Yvonne Todd
From "The Menthol Series"

2 Margaret Dawson
The House, the Car and the Woman \$3900

Ronnie van Hout Fly Concorde \$4500

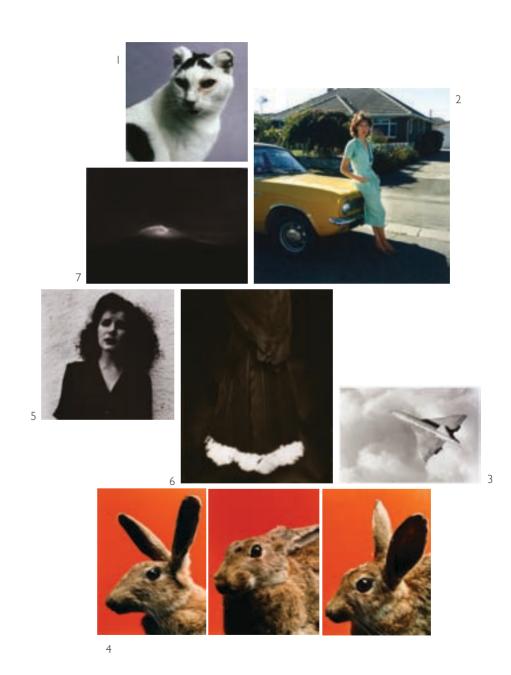
4 Michael Parekowhai
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Christine Mathieson
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6 Fiona Pardington
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\$10,500

7 Laurence Aberhart Taranaki from Oeo Road Under Moonlight, 27-28 September 1999 \$7500

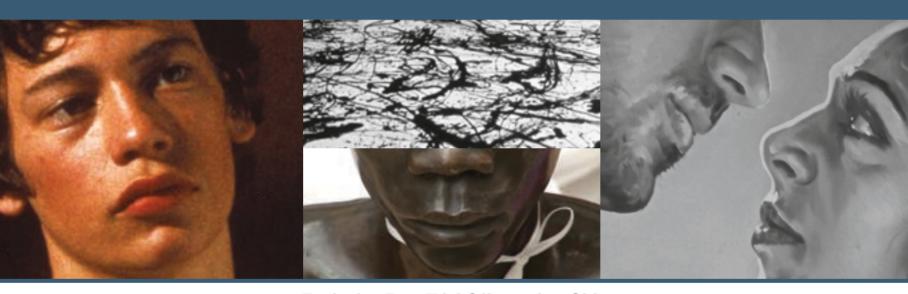
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left John Bevan Ford Pou 2600mm \$4000 - \$6000



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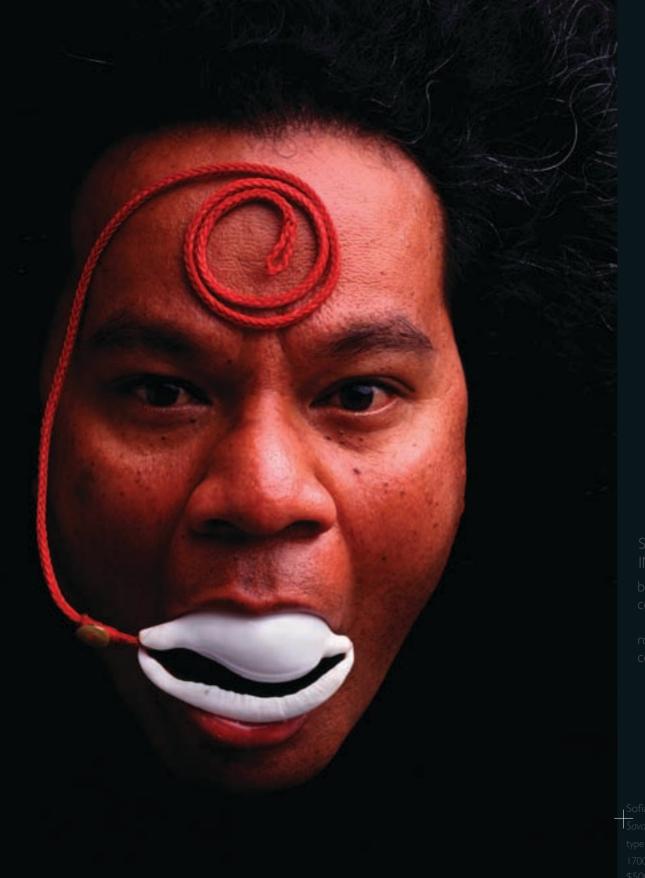
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Exhibition organised and toured by City Gallery Wellington and the Museum of Contemporary Art, Sydney, Australia. City Gallery Wellington is managed by the Wellington Museums Trust with major funding form the Wellington City Council. Fiona Hall, Understory (1999-2004) detail. Collection of Lisa and Egil Paulsen, Sydney. Courtesy of the artist and Roslyn Oxley9 Gallery, Sydney.



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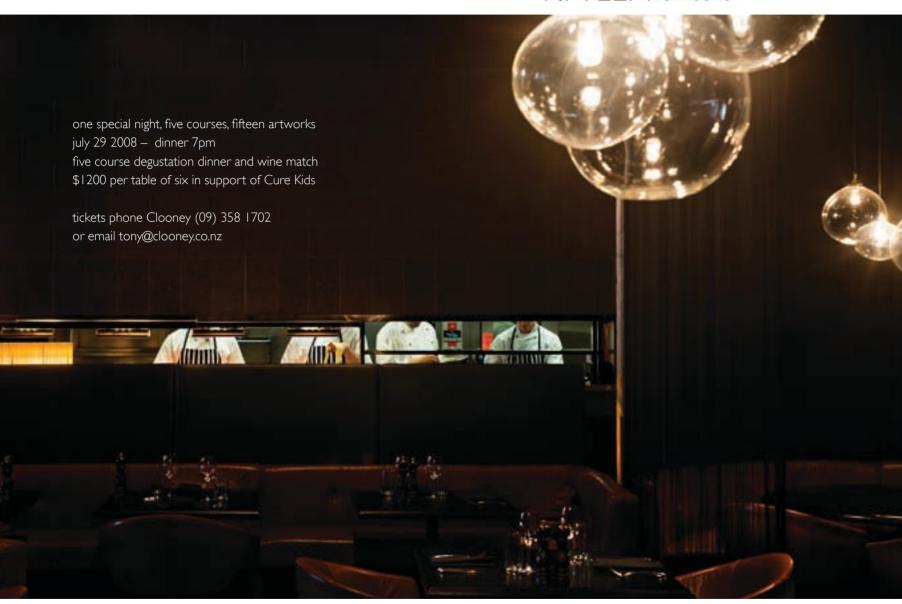
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saturday	17 may	II am – 4 pm
sunday	18 may	II am – 4 pm
monday	19 may	9 am – 5 pm
tuesday	20 may	9 am – 5 pm
wednesday	21 may	9 am – 5 pm
thursday	22 may	9 am – 1 pm



I _I Charles Tole

Newmarket, Auckland
oil on board
signed and dated '44
260 x 312mm
PROVENANCE: Private collection, Auckland
\$6000 - \$9000

2 | John Weeks

The Country Cottage
oil on card
signed
295 × 300mm
\$3000 - \$5000



3 _I Peter Siddell

View Towards North Head
acrylic on canvas
signed and dated 1992
252 x 354mm
PROVENANCE: Purchased by the current owner from
the artist's studio in 1992
Private collection, South Island

\$9000 - \$13 000







4 Ralph Hotere

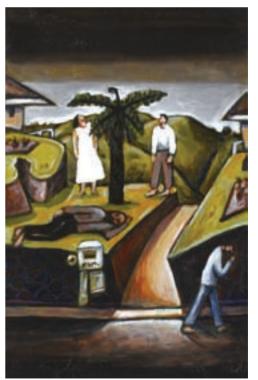
Winter Solstice — Carey's Bay oilstick and pastel on paper signed and dated Carey's Bay'92 285 × 205mm \$9000 - \$12 000



Too Many Parties
acrylic on canvasboard
title inscribed, signed and dated 1980;
title inscribed, signed and dated verso
226 × 177 mm
\$3000 - \$5000

6 Nigel Brown

While the Poets Asleep (B)
oil on board
signed and dated 1979; title inscribed,
signed and dated Titirangi 1979 verso
665 × 435mm
\$8000 - \$12 000



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7 Dick Frizzell 3D Tiki II oil on wooden relief title inscribed, signed and dated 7/7/92 375 × 296mm PROVENANCE: from the collection of Colenso BBDO, Auckland \$13 000 - \$18 000





8 | Dick Frizzell

Architiki No. 3

oil and wooden collage on jute

title inscribed, signed and dated 12/9/92; original Gow Langsford Gallery label affixed verso 470 × 360mm

EXHIBITED: 'Dick Frizzell – Portrait of a Serious Artiste', City Gallery Wellington and Dunedin Public Art Gallery, March 15th – August 17th 1997

ILLUSTRATED: Allan Smith, Dick Frizzell – Portrait of a Serious Artiste (Wellington, 1997)

PROVENANCE: Private collection, Auckland

\$16 000 - \$24 000



9 Dick Frizzell
The Cutting
oil on board
title inscribed, signed and dated 21/1.87
1200 × 1200mm
\$20 000 - \$30 000



10 | Ralph Hotere

Drawing for Ian Wedde's Pathway to the Sea ink and watercolour on paper title inscribed and signed and inscribed Aramoana 555 × 755mm

\$20 000 - \$30 000

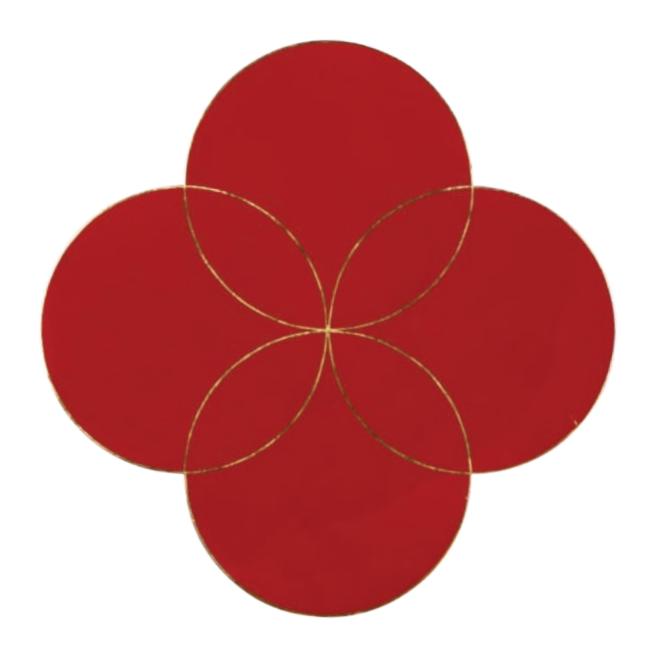
1524mm diameter \$30,000 - \$40,000

Sky Gate. The gates of heaven? A spiritual threshold? A waharoa? Or even a tardis? This quatrefoil-shaped canvas covered in a red that reflects and emanates light, dissected by four gold circles, seems to stand as a spiritual and physical portal between here and somewhere. However one interprets the title, this painting is an apt metaphor for the artist, Max Gimblett, who habitually operates from the spaces between. Born in New Zealand and living and working in New York since the 1970s, Gimblett's geographical origins and expatriate status have enabled a unique body of work. In a postmodern age, Gimblett delves into the past and across cultures to enlighten an essentially modernist practice.

The 'signature' quatrefoil support of Sky Gate was first used by Gimblett in 1983, initiating what he calls his "mid-life transformation". I Using this form, Gimblett transformed the painting into a sculptural object, escaping the orthodoxy of the rectangular canvas and its associated perception of painting as an illusionistic window onto the world. The quatrefoil is, nonetheless, a highly charged form. In ancient times it provided a means to conceptualise the universe, a structuring that persists in the compass and clock, Hence it is a shape that metaphysically orders space and time. But it also has its origins in western and eastern religions, as the rose-shaped window of the gothic church or the Buddhist mandala.

The colours of Sky Gate are likewise symbolic in both western and eastern cultures. Red has near-universal connotations with life-force and sacredness, and gold is typically reserved for icons, In Sky Gate these colours are rendered pure: the four perfect circles intersecting at a single point are finely spun in moon gold over a monochrome red ground. Rather than employing the gestural vocabulary for which Gimblett is well-known, this red is intact and airtight, made highly reflective through layers of polyurethane so that the votive becomes mirror, showing us a glimpse of ourselves.

Sky Gate featured in the first major exhibition of Gimblett's work The Brush of All Things curated by Wystan Curnow in 2004, which confirmed his status as a senior New Zealand Artist. Despite living in New York, Gimblett has been at the forefront of New Zealand abstract painting since the 1980s. His success, both here and there, arises from his easy transcendence of time and place. By drawing threads between ancient and modern, between east and west, between NZ and NY, Gimblett is, perhaps, the quintessential global artist, gathering influences from disparate sources which converge in the present with each viewer's experience of the work.





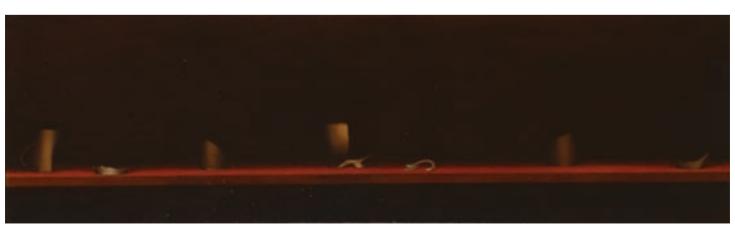
12 | A. Lois White
A Quiet Moment
oil on canvas
signed
390 × 270mm
\$8000 - \$12 000

13 Emily Wolfe
No. 28
oil on linen
title inscribed, signed and dated 1997
353 × 1218mm
\$6000 - \$9000

14 Stanley Palmer

Karamea
oil on linen
signed and dated '05
590 × 1210mm
\$13 000 - \$18 000

15 | Michael Hight
| Wainui |
oil on canvas |
title inscribed; title inscribed, signed and dated |
2003 verso |
660 × 1825mm |
\$14 000 - \$20 000









16 | Pat Hanly

Lunar Lover 1 oil and enamel on board signed and dated '81; title inscribed, signed and dated verso and inscribed A 607 x 575mm PROVENANCE: Private collection, Auckland EXHIBITED: 'The Innocence Series', RKS Art Gallery, Auckland, 27th June – 8th July 1983

ILLUSTRATED: Tony Martin and Amanda Finlay, Women by Hanly (Manawatu, 1988), cover

\$75 000 - \$95 000

They say that love is blind. If this is true, then it is a paradox, and equally true, that lovers see more clearly; innocently. The lover sees in the loved one, qualities only glimpsed by others. If lovers are blind in one eye, they are all-seeing with the other. They see more deeply, more roundly; grasping the beauty that unfurls when the heart says "yes."

Hanly sees with the fecund clarity of the lover. His is the gaze of a lover of a woman and a child. He paints with the fleshy, wanton poetry of the satyr: eyes become full goblets of wine, and a love-heart swells as fleshy buttocks or juicy breasts. The very first book Hanly bought with wages from a hairdressing apprenticeship at the age of 14 was of Rembrandt's drawings; and more than 30 years later his paintings have the generous sensual power and romantic clarity of Rembrandt's nude studies of Hendrickje Stoffels and of Picasso's smitten and luscious oils of photographer Dora Maar, It seems ironic that back in 1948 Hanly's mother quickly removed the Rembrandt book in the hope that her son would not be exposed to any nudes.

But the eye, steady and fixed in the centre of Hanly's Lunar Lover I is also the innocent eye of wonder. It is the adoring one-eyed gaze of the new parent seeing the world through the infant's pointing and looking.

Asked by Hamish Keith if social comment was intended in the mid-1960s series Girls Asleep, Hanly was emphatic: "Nothing to do with that at all. It was a highly romantic concept: of girls, in the first place, of sleep - the complete innocence that everybody, even the most vile person, takes on in sleep. You don't often see it in people because you're not always watching sleeping people – you're usually asleep at the same time."

For Hanly the best of the Girls Asleep were about this "innocence and delight." Lunar Lover I delights in a similar innocence – that of the child seeing the world, fresh and new. While there are no children figured in the painting offered here, others in the Innocence series to which it belongs, do show a child: sitting between an adoring couple; or sitting apart and pointing at a bird in the sky or the moon. So it is, that the single eye in Lunar Lover I doubles as the child's wondering "eye unclouded by experience" and as the parent's adoring gaze.





17 | Pat Hanly

Blast and Hobe acrylic and enamel on board title inscribed, signed and dated 1986 verso 530 × 740mm PROVENANCE: Private collection, Auckland \$60,000 - \$80,000

Before his formal retirement from painting in 1994, Pat Hanly often 'cleaned,' reworked or even destroyed entire series of paintings. His rigorous personal editing ensured that remaining works are vivid and powerful statements that convey a vibrant joyfulness often matched by abiding social concerns.

In Blast and Hope 1986, an almost primitive spontaneity is projected through a profusion of colours and textures, exemplifying the artist's interest in 'essential, instant painting.' Working in bright enamels straight from the can, Hanly creates a two dimensional, decorative surface that speaks graphically of New Zealand's geographical 'newness' and crispness.' Fascinated with the phenomenon of pacific light since his return to New Zealand from Europe in 1962, Hanly's daubed, dribbled and brushed skins of enamel convey a clarity of colour imbued with South Pacific rhythms.

But this is by no means a purely decorative painting. Blast and Hope exhibits a strong political awareness typical of Hanly's oeuvre. Painted under the shadow of the Cold War in the year that Chernobyl went into meltdown, Blast and Hope conveys a deep concern for the earth and more specifically for the Pacific.

The violent charge of red and roped black strands that centrally divides the painting recalls the extensive French nuclear testing at Mururoa that did not abate until the mid-1990s. Blast and Hope is a protest picture, the white sail boat contained within it is both a literal reference to the protest vessels – including the Rainbow Warrior - that sailed to Mururoa and an allegorical symbol for the persistent voice of reason. Hanly's concern for mankind's tendency to overpower the earth is matched by a graphic, steadfast optimism; to this day these issues have not diminished.



18 | Ralph Hotere

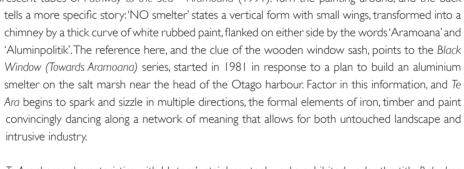
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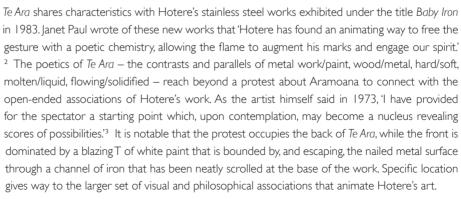
oil on board, burnished steel and lead head nails in Colonial villa sash window frame title inscribed, signed and dated '83 - '84 $\!$ I I I I 0 \times 4 I 0 mm PROVENANCE: Private collection, Dunedin (FRONT ILLUSTRATED OPPOSITE. VERSO ILLUSTRATED BELOW).

\$100 000 - \$150 000

In her essay 'Dark matter: Ralph Hotere and language', the poet Cilla McQueen argues that language makes arrangements, a process that is similar to the syntax that Ralph Hotere generates from 'materials close to hand': 'Whether canvas, timber, iron, steel, words or light, harmonies arise between materials. Meaning is spun. There are riches: rhyme, assonance, dissonance, melody, harmony, percussion, onomatopoeia and the mighty dimension of metaphor.' Te Ara is a product of Hotere's material poetics, a demonstration of his facility with matter, as well as a demonstration of the vocabulary of making techniques that appear throughout the artist's work. Materials are burnished, brushed, cut, constructed, pierced, pinned, polished, painted.

The title invokes the idea of pathway, and is one way of locating this work within Hotere's oeuvre – a concept most explicitly stated in the päua and fluorescent tubes of Pathway to the Sea – Aramoana (1991). Turn the painting around, and the back







^{&#}x27;Cilla McQueen, 'Dark matter: Ralph Hotere and language', in lan Wedde (ed.), Ralph Hotere: Black Light. Wellington & Dunedin: Te Papa Press & Dunedin Public Art Gallery, 2000, p.39.

² Janet Paul, 'Ralph Hotere's Baby Iron', Art New Zealand 29, Summer 1983-84, p.23.

³ Ralph Hotere, in Waikato Art Gallery Bulletin No. 4, 1973.





19 | Paul Dibble

Feather-weight
bronze, edition of 3
signed and dated 2001
3400 × 900 × 900mm
ILLUSTRATED: Jeanette Cook (ed), Paul Dibble (Auckland, 2001), p. 37.
\$65,000 - \$85,000

Paul Dibble occupies a singular position in contemporary New Zealand art. Since the mid 1980s his sculptures have become part of the visual lexicon of Aotearoa's public spaces. Whilst his work has evinced a number of distinct visual phases all of these coalesce to make his work instantly recognizable. Dibble's unique ability to unlock a New Zealand sculptural vernacular and address Maori, Polynesian and European visual traditions has resulted in a highly personal visual language in three dimensions. Over forty years he has become an acknowledged master at resolving the engineering and technical mysteries that have challenged bronze casters since the inception of the medium. From his studio and foundry in Palmerston North, Dibble and his team manage this arcane creative process from concept to production in what can be truly described as the intersection of art and industry.

His standing as one of New Zealand's pre-eminent visual artists was confirmed with the commission 'The Southern Stand', the New Zealand Memorial erected in London's Hyde Park in 2006. It has been observed by many commentators that the most ubiquitous of all New Zealand sculpture is the war memorial. These mournful sentinels to sacrifice and the loss of war locate the role of sculpture as central to communicating meaning within New Zealand society. Dibble combines the solemnity and monumentality understood from the memorial statue with a range of cultural, historical and environmental ideas that relate to the contemporary moment or role that a large scale sculpture is asked to perform.

The works in this catalogue cover the period 1994 to 2001 and reveal the breadth of Dibble's achievement as a sculptor. *Busy Lady* (1994) is a case in point. It is an homage to the modern multitasking woman, '... a fleet-footed, multi-limbed goddess, larger than life and twice as astounding.'

Movement and the ephemeral are likewise captured in *The Dynamics of Changing Seasons* (1996) which posits child's play, chance and an evocative sense of autumnal change as a metaphor for the temporal nature of human existence. At over three metres *Feather-weight* (2001) is a monument to the cultural significance of the now extinct Huia, the importance of conservation and a supreme feat of the sculptor's art in both engineering and aesthetic terms. Like so many of Dibble's finest works it is an invitation to touch and be touched.



20 Paul Dibble Busy Lady bronze, edition of 2 signed and dated 1994 1510 × 2100 × 300mm ILLUSTRATED: Jeanette Cook (ed), Paul Dibble (Auckland, 2001), p. 129.
PROVENANCE: from the collection of Colenso BBDO, Auckland \$50 000 - \$70 000



21 | Paul Dibble

The Dynamics of Changing Seasons bronze title inscribed, signed and dated 1996 1710 × 605 × 275mm ILLUSTRATED:Jeanette Cook (ed), *Paul Dibble* (Auckland, 2001), p. 121.
PROVENANCE: Private Collection, Hastings \$25 000 - \$35 000



22 | Paul Dibble

Surveying the Event bronze, 1/3 signed 440 × 500 × 320mm \$7000 - \$10 000

25 | Michael Parekowhai

The Bosom of Abraham
screenprinted vinyl on fluorescent light housing
1300 × 220 × 80mm
\$6000 - \$8000

23 | Neil Dawson

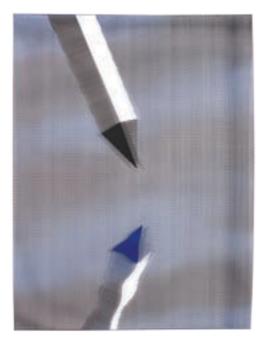
Pencil
acrylic on steel and metal mesh, c. 1989
1200 × 900 × 50mm
PROVENANCE: from the collection of
Colenso BBDO, Auckland
\$12 000 - \$18 000

2<u>6 | P</u>amela Wolfe

Effulgence
oil on linen
title inscribed, signed and dated 2005 verso
1450 × 175mm
\$13 000 - \$18 000

24 | Terry Stringer

Woman Between Love and Time bronze, edition of 3 signed and dated 1995 1000 × 200 × 200mm \$10 000 - \$15 000











27 | Billy Apple | Untitled acrylic, 1965 | 190 x 70 x 130 mm | PROVENANCE: Purchased Plunkett and Co., Des Moines, Iowa 07/01/70 | EXHIBITED: Bianchini Gallery in 1965 | \$25 000 - \$35 000

Billy Apple has the distinction to be a leading figure in two international art movements. First, in London, he was part of Britain's pop generation in the early 1960s. In 1964, having changed name from Barrie Bates to Billy Apple he presented the first solo pop art exhibition in the UK. Second, moving permanently to New York in the same year, Apple became the bridge between the British and American pop art movements. Here, he exhibited alongside other great names of American pop art — Andy Warhol, Roy Lichtenstein, Jasper Johns, Richard Artschwager, Robert Watts, Claes Oldenburg and Tom Wesselman — most noticeably in the pivotal pop art exhibit The American Supermarket, held in Paul Bianchini's Upper East Side gallery. This was a ground-breaking installation where art objects mimicking everyday commodities were presented using the display techniques of the modern supermarket.

Untitled (1965) dates from these innovative years and featured in the artist's second solo New York show, Neon Rainbows, also at Bianchini. Mary Morrison has described how rainbows in neon, translucent acrylic and serigraphs on paper were exhibited in the gallery's large internal space in a smart high rise on West 57th St. With no outside windows the only light in the space was produced by the neon rainbows installed on the floor. The additive effect of the neon rainbow colours produced a beautiful bright white light, which if refracted separated back into a rainbow spectrum — with the result that all the shadows in the gallery were rainbows.

The exhibition was a hit in New York – pictures from the show featuring in Time and Life magazine. Billy Apple had been the first of the pop artists to work with neon; and Robert Pincus-Witten writing in *Artforum* (February 1966) said that 'Billy Apple's rainbows are among the most beautiful that hover over the present scene.' Components of the show were curated into exhibitions at the Walker Art Center, Minneapolis, Ileana Sonnabend Gallery, Paris, the Stedelijk van Abbemuseum, Eindhoven and most recently the Darren Knight Gallery in Sydney.

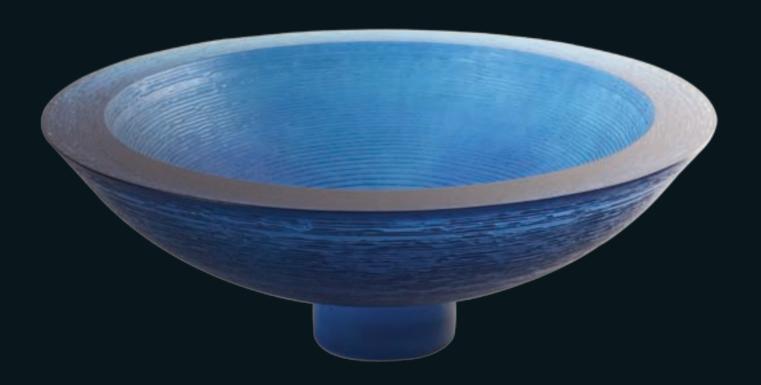
Billy Apple's *Untitled* is rare and unique. It is an art work that captures the spirit of exuberance and challenge that marked the pop era. Equally it is a reminder of the way this now senior artist has perpetually rejuvenated his career, and brought fresh experiences to five decades of audiences from London and New York to Auckland, through precise and thoughtful interventions in the zeitgeist of the day.



28 | Ann Robinson Puka Vase cast glass signed and dated 1997 635 x 160 x 160mm \$22 000 - \$28 000



29 | Ann Robinson | Wide Bowl cast glass signed and dated 1999 and inscribed 9 200 × 543 × 543mm \$35 000 - \$45 000





30 | Shane Cotton

Whakakitenga
oil on canvas
title inscribed, signed and dated 2000
376 x 757mm
PROVENANCE: Private collection, Auckland
\$25 000 - \$35 000



31 | Colin McCahon

A Bush Covered Hill
oil and sand on board
signed and dated Jan Oct '66; title inscribed,
signed and dated verso
295 × 295mm
REFERENCE: www.mccahon.co.nz
(Colin McCahon database) cm 000326
\$30 000 - \$40 000



32 | Roy Good

Triangle Suite No. 4
acrylic on canvas
title inscribed, signed and dated 1972 verso
1530 x 1530mm
EXHIBITED: Barry Lett Galleries, 1973
\$6000 - \$9000

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33 | Seraphine Pick | Jewel | oil on canvas | signed and dated 1996 | 1215 × 1520mm | \$15 000 - \$20 000

34 | Dick Frizzell

Still Life with Hat, Glasses and Scarf gouache signed and dated 26/1/88 282 x 340mm \$2500 - \$4000

35 | Richard Killeen

Untitled — Portrait of a Man in Red Sweater acrylic on paper signed and dated 2/2/69 and inscribed 1754 355 x 470mm \$6000 - \$9000

36 | Pat Hanly

Brown Model
watercolour and gouache
with collage element on paper
title inscribed, signed and dated '76
430 × 360mm
\$8000 - \$12 000



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37 | Billy Apple

Untitled – Rainbow screenprint, 146/195 signed and dated '65 630 × 210mm \$5000 - \$8000

38|Milan Mrkusich

Ambient Green
mixed media on paper
title inscribed, signed and dated 1966 on artist's
original label affixed verso
530 x 405mm
\$8000 - \$12 000

39 | Allen Maddox

Untitled No. 34
oil on cotton duck
signed with artist's initials A. M and
dated 1/76 and inscribed X 34
680 × 700mm
\$3000 - \$5000



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40 | Maud Sherwood

Still Life with Magnolias oil on board signed 345 x 320mm \$5000 - \$8000

41 | Maud Sherwood

Still Life with Canterbury Bells oil on canvasboard signed 243 × 292mm \$3500 - \$5000

42 | Peter McIntyre

New Zealand Expeditionary Forces Soldier Writing Home graphite on paper signed 214 x 283mm \$4000 - \$6000





43 | Philip Trusttum Lopp Off oil on canvas signed verso 1840 × 1170mm \$12 000 - \$18 000

44 Bill Hammond

Well I Never Felt Better in my Life
oil on board
title inscribed, signed and dated 1983
422 × 790mm
\$15 000 - \$20 000





45 | Fatu Feu'u

Agaga Puaikura mixed media on canvas signed and dated 2002 1530 × 2440mm \$16 000 - \$24 000



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46 | Dick Frizzell

From the Rastafari Triptych

enamel on board

title inscribed, signed and dated 9/77 and inscribed King of Kings, Lord of Lords, The Conquering Lion of the Tribe of Judah

Reference: Liz Caughey and John Gow, Contemporary New Zealand Art 2 (Auckland, 1999), p. 62.

PROVENANCE: purchased by the current owner from Brooke Gifford Gallery in 1978.

NOTE: this painting was originally conceived as the central panel in a three panel painting entitled *Rastafari Triptych*. It was however, exhibited and sold as a stand-alone painting.

510 × 406mm

\$8000 - \$14 000

47 | Trevor Moffitt

Angela No. I
oil on board
signed and dated '76; title inscribed
and inscribed Nude Portrait Series verso
1210 x 1210mm
\$13 000 - \$18 000

48 | Trevor Moffitt

Bait Bucket No. 3 oil on board signed and dated '88; title inscribed verso 590 × 585mm \$7000 - \$10 000



49 | Trevor Moffitt

Rakaia Series No. 9 oil on board signed and dated '78; title inscribed verso 555 x 1190mm \$10 000 - \$15 000



50 | Stephen Bambury

Necessary Correction
graphite and resin on panel, diptych
title inscribed, signed and dated 1994 verso
1170 × 852mm
EXHIBITED: 'Necessary Correction', Auckland Art
Gallery Toi o Tamaki, 1997.
ILLUSTRATED: Wystan Curnow, Stephen Bambury
(Nelson, 2000), p. 212.
PROVENANCE: from the collection of Colenso
BBDO, Auckland
\$25 000 - \$35 000

Necessary Correction is a loaded term. What is being corrected? Why is it necessary? Many abstract paintings seek to elude a linguistic entry point by assuming the moniker 'untitled', saying in effect, 'take me for what I am, without the baggage of language.' Untitled is a linguistic roadblock designed to free the image from quotidian interpretation and can be viewed as a coercive device which renders the viewer mute (hopefully in admiration).

It is hard to find many untitleds in Stephen Bambury's oeuvre. Quite the opposite. With the *Necessary Correction* series it could be argued he is leading with his chin; asking for it! 'It' in this case is a direct comparison with the heavyweight champ of New Zealand painting, Colin McCahon. Bambury is stepping into the ring so to speak with McCahon's *Necessary Correction* series of the 1970s. What Bambury seeks to correct was a prevailing view that locked MCahon into a New Zealand-centric discourse and out of a wider and deeper conversation about modernist abstraction. In other words *Necessary Correction* is a protest painting. Bambury is asserting for McCahon and New Zealand art an international context and his correction is also an acknowledgement of a modernist abstract lineage which runs from Malevich to Mondrian, through Barnett Newman via McCahon to Bambury himself.

He explains his thinking in an interview with curator Robert Leonard in 1999, 'It wasn't a matter of what McCahon was for but what the culture said he was for McCahon was somewhere else. He was an astute reader of international art, all art, yet you had this official programme of reception mounted against that, against his classically modernist project of synthesis.' Whilst the connection to McCahon is placed front and centre by the title of the work, the conversation does not stop there. Bambury constantly alludes to a global consciousness that is reverential in nature but not specific in a denominational sense. This has lead to his work being hung alongside Russian icons and discussed in terms of the iconography of many different eastern and western religions. His work is open to the devotional impulse and at the same time, to historic and contemporary art thinking and practice.

It is the combination of the finesse and the sincerity of Bambury's approach that ensures *Necessary Correction* rises to be much more that an art-world polemic, but a fully resolved modern wonder that is both world famous in New Zealand but also a star in a larger cosmos.

HAMISH CONE



Six Enclosed
oil on canvas, 1993
artist's name, title and date inscribed on original
Gow Langsford Gallery label (The Strand, Parnell)
affixed verso
2130 × 2700mm
PROVENANCE: from the collection of Colenso
BBDO, Auckland
\$40 000 - \$60 000

The passing of Allen Maddox in late 2000 signified the end of an important era in New Zealand art history. As Maddox's friend and art dealer Gary Langsford was to write: 'Along with his two closest friends, Philip Clairmont and Tony Fomison, Maddox was the last of a certain type of artist who epitomised the romantic notion of the dedicated artist struggling in his garret...' After his passing it remains hard to separate the man from the myth when attempting to contemplate the artist and his work. Larger than life, Allen Maddox was an artist who, by all accounts, struggled with his own self-control. Despite such personal battles, the artist produced, over a nearly quarter of a century period, an extremely focused body of work whose only parallel in this country can be found in the Koru based paintings, drawings and collages of Gordon Walters. Walters spoke of his own work: "I believe that dynamic relations are most clearly expressed by the repetition of a few simple elements", and such a maxim seems as equally apt for Maddox.

Around 1975, after crossing out an unsuccessful composition in the studio, Maddox embarked on a career defining corpus based on endless variations of the X motif. Simultaneously interpretable as symbol, metaphor, signature, a negation, and as self-portrait, the X motif appeared across literally hundreds of paintings.

In Six Enclosed (1993) the X is both structure and destructive; becoming increasing violent and less ordered as it meets in the compositional centre of the work. Among the larger and more ambitious works that Maddox conceived, Six Enclosed is a mature painting from an artist at the height of his creative powers. It does much to showcase the qualities of Abstract Expressionism as movement and to reveal why the artist is often considered within the critical parameters of the post-war movement headed by Jackson Pollock: the desire to convey emotion and subjectivity through paint, freedom of expression, a revolt against tradition and pre-ordained structure, all-over treatment of the picture plain, and a preference for large scale. The unique skill of Maddox remains however, his ability in a painting such as this to create a surface in which the paint feels as if it is still in motion, as if the brush strokes are still accumulating in the painterly theatre where raw pigment meets unprimed canvas. It gives us, the viewer, the feeling that we are somehow gaining a small but privileged insight into the life and work of one of this country's most important painters.



52 | Colin McCahon

Waterfall signed and dated Dec '64; signed and dated December 1964 verso oil and sand on board PROVENANCE: Private collection, Australia. 221 x 227mm \$30,000 - \$40,000

In the 1970s Colin McCahon observed that his prolific Waterfall series of 1964, which eventually consisted of nearly 100 paintings of waterfalls, "grew out of William Hodges' paintings on loan to the Auckland City Art Gallery from The Admiralty London, Hodges and I eventually realized we were friends over the years and got talking about his painting. He was dead and I was about the same. We conversed, through paint (about Naples yellow to start with) — and in 1964 I painted my first waterfall. Hodges is my hero in all these paintings..." Hodges was the painter who accompanied Cook on his second voyage to the South Pacific and McCahon was referring to an exhibition entitled Captain lames Cook: His Artists and Draughtsmen held at the Auckland City Art Gallery between October and December 1964. In particular, McCahon responded to Hodges' [Cascade Cove], Dusky Bay, c.1776-7. McCahon's 'waterfall' landscapes are reworked 'through' Hodges (he often starts with some Naples yellow as he does with this painting), but they are relocated in time, and relocated environmentally to the Waitakere Ranges west of Auckland. They are also based in part, as McCahon was to acknowledge to several of their purchasers, on specific waterfalls in the regional park such as the Fairy Falls, Kitekite Falls, Karekare Falls, and Waitakere Falls.

But McCahon's twentieth-century paintings are, of course, unlike Hodges', and a 'McCahon waterfall' typically became almost abstract: an elemental white column of falling water, often viewed from an angle so it appeared to silently curve its way through the darkness sometimes to end in a stylized body of water at its base. For his waterfalls McCahon employed paintembedded sand and thick industrial paints including solpah and black bitumen. The scumbled and sawdust or sand-encrusted surfaces are meant to disorient and perhaps unsettle as they bring us abruptly to the literal surface of the canvas or board, but they also refer to an underneath and thus a distant past — as does the rich brown hardboard left bare here — and in this way they draw us in to the scene of the composition. In most of McCahon's Waterfalls the reduction of the skyline creates this impression of confusion but it also draws the viewer into the composition, encouraging identification with elemental water, earth and bush. Indeed, for the viewer, the orienting factor in McCahon's Waterfalls becomes the fall of water itself; a potent stabilizing force that is vertical rather than horizontal, in this case a creamy 'slide' of paint relentlessly pulled down by the force of gravity.

The ultimate effect is to draw attention to a conception of the land that remains close in many aspects to the Maori notion of whenua. As Geoff Park has recently argued: "McCahon repudiated the picturesque landscape-painting tradition and its derivation from mastery over land, land as property, as scenery to visit. His artist's love for the land came from a very deep, lifelong attachment to it, an attachment he considered the Muriwai coast nurtured in particular ... [McCahon] made us realize what 'whenua' — the Maori term for both placenta and land — means; that that heart connection is itself part of the landscape when the landscape is home." LAURENCE SIMMONS







53 | Robert Ellis

Maungawhau/Natura Morta [317] oil and acrylic on linen title inscribed, signed and dated 2003 1675 x 1370mm ILLUSTRATED: Elizabeth Caughey and John Gow, Contemporary New Zealand Art 4 (Auckland, 2005), p. 39. PROVENANCE: Private collection, Auckland \$20 000 - \$30 000

Auckland is a city defined by two oceans and the elemental forces of the fifty volcanic cones which were the genesis of the region's topography and geology. Mt Eden or Maungawhau is one of the most recognizable of these volcanic cones; its naming and history are inextricably linked to the Maori and colonial history of this place known as Tamaki.

Ellis' practice has been described as, 'mapping bicultural topographies' 1. For over forty years Ellis has teased out the layers of meaning found and imposed on the land by Maori and Pakeha. These 'soundings' are central to an understanding of his artistic concerns and indeed New Zealand as a bi-cultural entity.

Maungawhau/Natura Morta [317], 2003 is part of a body of work investigating the multiplicity of readings and history attached to this most Auckland of landscape icons. Maungawhau was a famous pa site with a population of up to 3000 inhabitants and as early as 1840 it was used as a survey station, hence the trig located by Ellis on the lip of the crater in the top right-hand quadrant of this work. The intertwining of how the cone has been used by Maori and Pakeha is a fascinating insight into the ways land is 'seen' by the two cultures. The inscription Te Ipu a Mataaho is found on many works in this series and translates as The Bowl of Mataaho, the god of volcanoes.

Ellis juxtaposes this ancient Maori history that extends to the time of the squabbling Waitakere and Hunau tribes of patu paiarehe or fairy folk with the 'magic' of the colonial settlers and surveyors. Sextants, jugs, chalices and measuring tools abound in this body of work. These implements of exactitude pose another view of the land, one understood as a resource. A mysterious, emblematic kite figure in the darkened sky is omnipresent in paintings from this series. Kite flying in the Maori calendar is an important cultural signifier and reaches its zenith at the time of Matariki or the Maori New Year (celebrated on June 5 in 2008). The kite is a symbolic connector between the heavens and the earth. The kite or manu is found throughout Maori folklore and stories abound of Maui using kites to fly over and observe the land. The soaring kite and the topographical view it implies is also a direct link to Ellis' Motorway and City paintings of the 1960s and 70s.

A reading of this work is incomplete without finally acknowledging Ellis the master painter. His use of potent colour and heavy impasto is counterpointed by precise drawing back into the wet paint, almost a form of painterly engraving, which enables Ellis to inscribe these works with his trademark wiry line.

Ellis' work is complex, culturally rich, even literary in the number of reference points and perspectives it contains. Maungawhau/ Natura Morta [3] [7] is a work which reveals an artist with a deep engagement with this country, its people and history,

David Eggleton, 'Steps to the Sky', The Listener vol. 208, 2007



54 Bill Sutton

Land, Sea, Sky Synthesis
oil on board
signed and dated '64
3045 × 1350mm
\$45,000 - \$65,000

Bill Sutton is the quintessential Canterbury painter. A member of 'The Group' which included Rita Angus, Evelyn Page, Rata Lovell-Smith and Colin McCahon, Sutton was an exceptionally talented painter who also excelled as a silversmith, calligrapher and designer. Born and bred in Canterbury, it was however, the unique landscape of the region which proved to be the artist's lifelong stimulus and it is in this search to locate its essence, for which the artist's most memorable paintings emerge.

Beginning as a relatively academic landscape painter, profound advances took place in the artist's paintings after trips to Europe in the 1940s and 1950s. Sutton's paintings became increasingly structural as he sought to assimilate the advances which he witnessed first-hand in the work of Cézanne — an artist for whom Sutton developed an immense admiration for. Land, Sea, Sky Synthesis is an important painting which lies near the start of a radical transformation in Sutton's art, a transformation that despite leading him towards an increasingly abstract aesthetic, never fully leaves behind the landscape of his beloved Canterbury homeland.

Monumental in scale, Land, Sea, Sky Synthesis features the characteristic angled, faceting of planes which would recur throughout the artist's Threshold series, yet departs from that series by virtue of its extreme verticality. The format invites the viewer to scan its surface from bottom to top, the equal emphasis on the land, sea and the sky never allowing the viewer's eye to rest. The introduction of Cubism into the New Zealand landscape first appeared in the work of Colin McCahon and his iconic On Building Bridges (1952) provides a vital point of reference to Land, Sea, Sky Synthesis. The painting is most successful in its contrasting of the permanence of the arid Canterbury landscape with the temporal nature of the sky, with its cirrus clouds and that hint of the classic Canterbury Nor'Wester, immortalized by Sutton himself, and the shifting seas and tides which lap at the foreground.





5<u>5</u> | Ralph Hotere

Winter Solstice
oil and acrylic on paper
title inscribed, signed and dated
Port Chalmers VI ' 89
630 × 500mm
\$15 000 - \$20 000



56 Milan Mrkusich

Untitled from the Chinese Element series acrylic on card, four parts signed and dated 1990 470 x 435mm \$12 000 - \$18 000

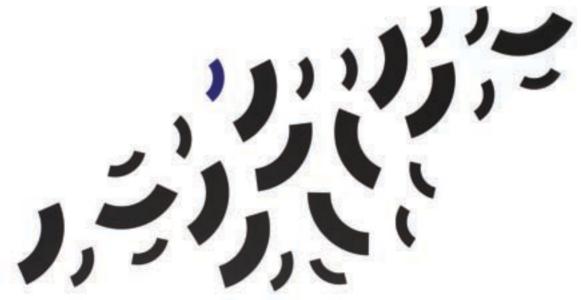


57 | Peter Robinson

Failed Work No. I acrylic and oilstick on card title inscribed, signed and dated 2002 1350 × 1000mm \$15 000 - \$20 000

58 | Richard Thompson

Untitled – Ancestral Code acrylic on canvas 605 × 1215mm \$4000 - \$6000



59 | Robert Ellis

City with Dominant Red River
oil on board
signed and dated '66; title inscribed, signed and
dated and inscribed Ex 10/Cat No 11 verso
1205 × 725mm
\$13 000 - \$18 000

60 | Guy Ngan

Suspended Animation No. 2
oil on board
signed and dated '74; title printed and dated on
original Guy Ngan artist label affixed verso
605 × I 370mm
\$5000 - \$8000







61 | Shane Cotton

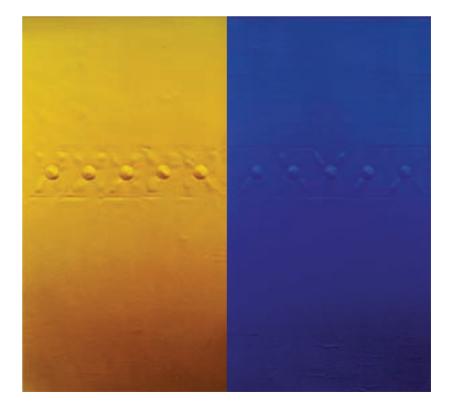
Arc

oil and encaustic on twelve panels title insribed and signed verso installation size: 1200 x 1900mm approx. PROVENANCE: from the collection of Price Waterhouse Coopers, Wellington \$15 000 - \$20 000



62 | John Reynolds

Emblem (Stake) oil and oilstick on canvas and plywood with linocut block signed and dated 1987; title inscribed, signed and dated verso \$8000 - \$12 000



63 | Mervyn Williams Banded (Siena/Blue)

acrylic on canvas, diptych title inscribed, signed and dated '97 1530 x 1670mm \$14 000 - \$18 000





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64 William Hounsom Byles

Chrysanthemums
oil on board
signed; title inscribed verso
211 × 162mm
\$3000 - \$6000

65 Cletio Luzzi

The Secret Letter
oil on canvas
signed and inscribed Roma; artist's
name and title impressed on mount
640 x 435mm
\$4000 - \$6000





66 | William Lee-Hankey

The Fish Market signed; title inscribed verso (partially illegible) oil on canvas PROVENANCE: Originally purchased in London. Passed by descent to the current owner 500 × 600mm \$10 000 - \$15 000

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