



Ron Left
Axial No. 9 Corner Painting
acrylic on shaped board
title inscribed, signed and dated 1985
1690 x 1100 x 700mm \$2500-\$4000

#### Covers:

Ann Shelton
Frederick B. Butler Collection, Puke Ariki,
New Plymouth, Scrapbooks from: Hawera
1949 December - 1950 March to Opunake 1952
August - 1953 February, No. 12 (detail)
C type print, edition of 3
1370 x 930mm
\$3500 - \$5000



#### Important Paintings & Contemporary Art

Viewing: Friday 20 November – Thursday 26 November Auction: Thursday 26 November 2009 at 6.30pm

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# Welcome to ART+OBJECT's final major art auction for 2009.

This catalogue is the largest and most varied assembled in the company's history – testimony to the confidence of vendors and collectors in the ongoing performance of the market. Notwithstanding the vissicitudes of the wider economic environment the art marketplace has remained remarkably stable. 2009 has seen ART+OBJECT record more major art sales over \$100 000 than at any time since the company's launch.

2009 has also seen A+O favoured with more major collection sales than ever before and these have resulted in catalogues, exhibitions and auctions which have become something akin to celebrations of the achievements and important roles played by collectors in our visual and cultural lives.

This year we have presented the collections of major figures Jim Drummond, John Perry and art collective the Odyssey Group, all of which have attracted strong interest and great enthusiasm from collectors. In this catalogue we are privileged to be able to offer a selection of works from the Celia Dunlop Collection (turn to page 74 for the artworks in the catalogue). For those who were able to see the exhibition 'Thrill Me Everyday' at TheNewDowse Gallery it was a revelation in terms of the broad scope of the collection which encompasses art as well as jewellery and applied arts.

At A+O we view collectors as one of the vital arteries of our cultural environment and our role is to acknowledge and celebrate the great collectors and gently to coax the fledgling collector towards a robust and positive attitude towards their role and the contribution they can make. To that end please linger awhile on page 13 where you will see a nascent patron's group looking for like minded souls to join them in supporting the 4th Auckland Triennal in 2010.



# Circa 1912

Meeting House carving sold for \$7830

#### Highlights from the August 18 & 20 John Perry Collection and 20th Century Design Auctions

All indicated prices include buyer's premium



Pakiriki Harrison carved gourd sold for \$4090



Bob Roukema wing back chair sold for \$3798



Papua New Guinean tapa cloth sold for \$1853



George Woods Angel Fish watercolour, 1944 sold for \$3739



Early 20th century Whariki (woven mat) of kiekie and pingao leaf sold for \$2804



Barry Brickell large water jug circa 1970s sold for \$1830



Fijian hardwood (vesi) shaped bowl sold for \$1753



A Sperm whale jawbone complete with 27 teeth sold for \$5259



Kete Whakiro sold for \$847



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Folk Art Carved Figures by Alfred James Grandfield of his son and daughter carved in kwila \$2500 - \$3000





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#### Artist unknown Contemporary Pounamu hei tiki

106 x 58mm \$1500 - \$2000

#### Betty Beadle Pendulum of Man

Copper Medallion Inscribed with artist's monogram BB 185 x 155 x 15mm \$200 - \$300

#### Martin Poppelwell OOPS

Glazed Ceramic 410 x 320mm \$750 - \$1100







#### **Applied Arts**

including the Betty Beadle Estate Collection 9 December 2009

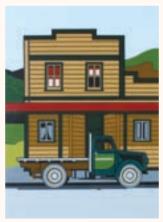


#### **New Collectors Art**

including a collection of thirty one prints from a distinguished private print collector 10 December 2009



Robin White
Florence and Harbour Cone
screenprint
\$4000 - \$6000



Robin White
Morris Commercial, Hokianga
screenprint
\$4000 - \$6000



Robin White
Mere and Siulolovao, Otago
Peninsula
screenprint
\$3000 - \$5000

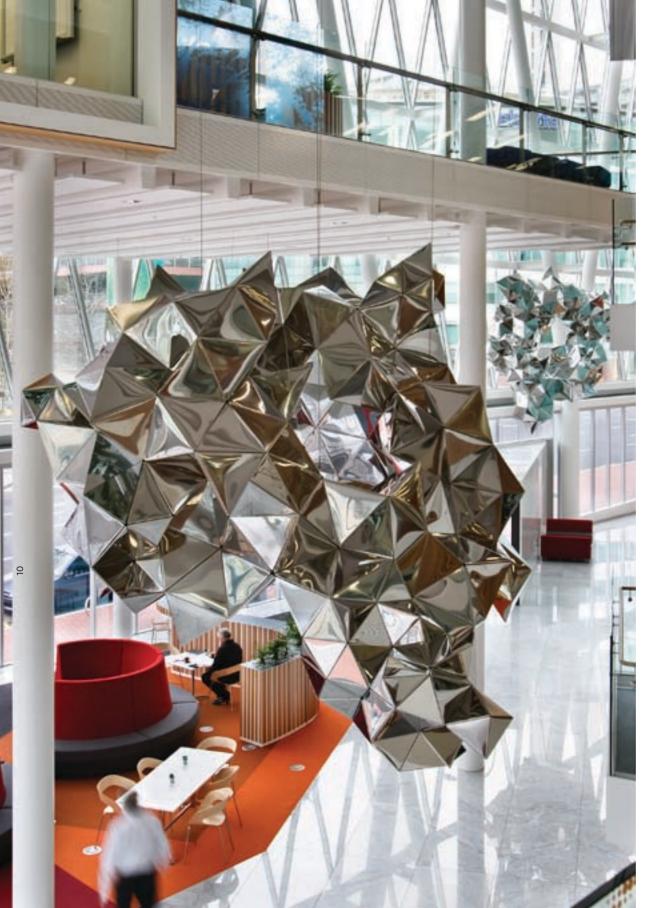


#### The Newman Collection

February 2010

An extraordinary collection assembled over a lifetime inc. rare vintage motorcycles, & parts, decorative arts, jewellery, automata, clocks and watches and early New Zealand material

Photo: Christmas 1980 - Pat Newman with his beloved 1928 Norton



#### Twisting the Void

A+O congratulates IAG New Zealand on the installation of a major suspended sculpture by the artist Gregor Kregar in the recently opened NZI Centre in Downtown Auckland. ART+OBJECT has provided corporate art consultancy services to IAG/NZI as it celebrates 150 years of operation in New Zealand.

Gregor Kregar
Twisting the Void
2 part suspended sculpture in stainless
steel
5.5 x 4.5 x 3.5m each

Photograph courtesy Simon Devitt. Artist appears courtesy of Gow Langsford Gallery.

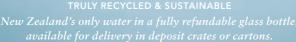


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#### Contemporary Art + Objects April 2010

Julian Dashper
Regent
oil on paper, 4 panels (1985)
1400 x 2000mm overall
\$14 000 - \$20 000









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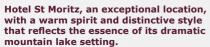
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6.00pm - 8.30pm

#### **Auction:**

Thursday 26 November 2009 at 6.30pm 3 Abbey Street, Newton, Auckland

#### Viewing:

Friday 20 November

3 Abbey Street, Newton, Auckland

#### **Opening Event**

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Friday 20 November	9.00am - 5.00pm
Saturday 21 November	11.00am - 4.00pn
Sunday 22 November	11.00am - 4.00pn
Monday 23 November	9.00am - 5.00pm
Tuesday 24 November	9.00am - 5.00pm
Wednesday 25 November	9.00am - 5.00pm
Thursday 26 November	9.00am - 1.00pm

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#### Peter Robinson ART oilstick on canva

oilstick on canvas title inscribed 200 x 300mm \$1200 - \$2200

#### 2 James Robinson and Pete Wheeler Irrevocably Complexxx

mixed media and collage on paper, diptych title inscribed and signed by James Robinson and inscribed *Tylee Wanganui* 700 x 1000mm \$2000 - \$3000

#### James Robinson Domestic Goddess Go's Mad

mixed media, collage and found objects on 49 canvas panels title inscribed, signed and dated 2007 1070 x 1070mm \$6000 - \$9000

#### Heather Straka Boating for beginners 4

acrylic on canvasboard title inscribed, signed and dated 2005 verso 191 x 312mm \$1500 - \$2500







Seraphine Pick
Untitled
oil on canvas
signed and dated 1998
1065 x 760mm
\$13 000 - \$18 000

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Bill Hammond
Tattoo Jar
graphite on paper
title inscribed, signed and dated 1994
700 x 520mm
\$15 000 - \$20 000









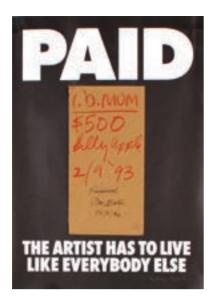
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Dick Frizzell
Hand Held Tools No. 1
enamel on board
title inscribed, signed and dated 2/4/83
350 x 430mm
\$3000 - \$5000

8
John Walsh
Untitled
oil on board
signed and dated 2003 verso
296 x 477mm
\$5500 - \$7500

9
Michael Illingworth
Graemeto to the Land
pencil on paper
title inscribed
380 x 557mm
\$2000 - \$3000

10
Richard Lewer
Womans Work
ink on sandpaper, four parts
title inscribed
280 x 227mm: each
560 x 454mm: overall
\$2000 - \$3000











#### Billy Apple PAID (I. O. Mum)

screenprint with applied envelope title inscribed, signed and dated 2/9/93 and inscribed I O Mum \$500, received A. M Bates 16/3/94 420 x 297mm \$1000 - \$2000

#### Andrew McLeod City Environments: Electric House digital print on paper

digital print on paper 320 x 225mm \$1400 - \$2200

#### 13 Simon Esling The Nursery

watercolour and ink on paper, 2007 985 x 700mm \$2500 - \$4000

#### <sup>14</sup> Judy Millar *Untitled*

acrylic and oil on aluminium signed and dated 2004 verso 1020 x 820mm \$5000 - \$7000

#### **Peter Robinson**

Sacred – scared – scarred. Like a word puzzle, the simple shifts of letters from one word to another track more complex shifts in meaning. Exposing and highlighting such linguistic twists and turns is a favoured tactic of postmodern artists; consequently these three words track an ideological shift from the modernist, universalising position exemplified by Colin McCahon, to the more cynical stance typical of postmodernity and an artist such as Peter Robinson. After rising to fame as a young Maori art star in the early 1990s, Robinson's work took a more critical turn. Pitch black paintings emblazoned with confrontational slogans, such as *Pakeha have rights too* (1997), challenged both liberal and red-neck audiences alike. In these two works, Robinson tackles McCahon and his legacy head on.

McCahon became a ready target for many artists in the late twentieth century. Impossible to ignore, but problematic in his prophet-like ambitions for art, McCahon was a moralist seeking to communicate a message in an era of anxiety and doubt. He lamented the fact that 'once the painter was making signs and symbols for people to live by: now he makes things to hang on walls at exhibitions'.¹ Robinson is wary of such concerns and, in his ripostes to McCahon, draws attention to the problems of such a position. Boy am I scarred eh! plays on the phrase inscribed on the first of McCahon's Scared series, 'Am I scared, Boy. (eh)', apparently inspired by a photograph of two Maori boys entering an art gallery.² Robinson, though, adds an 'R', to suggest that the after effects of social and political changes in the colonial and modern periods had left Maori not scared, but scarred.

Robinson not only reworks McCahon's text to critical effect, but appropriates the formal qualities of his work. He adopts McCahon's reduced palette, dealing with the binary opposition of black and white to reflect upon the questions of race implicit in both their works. The roughly-drawn script similarly echoes McCahon's apparently hastily executed text. Boy am I scarred eh!, like much of McCahon's later work, is also relieved of any framing devices, consisting of several sheets of builders paper joined together with black tape and tacked to the wall.

The spiral in *Boy am I scarred eh?*, tightly coiled like a loaded spring, operates on multiple levels. It negotiates the space between Maori and Pakeha by referencing the koru and its use in art, particularly the infamous appropriation debate surrounding Gordon Walters' work in the 1990s. But it can also be read as a thumbprint, that marker of our unique identity, which was adopted as the logo of Te Papa, or 'Our Place', whose website claims it symbolises 'New Zealand's uniqueness – our national identity, our geography, our place in the world and our culture'.

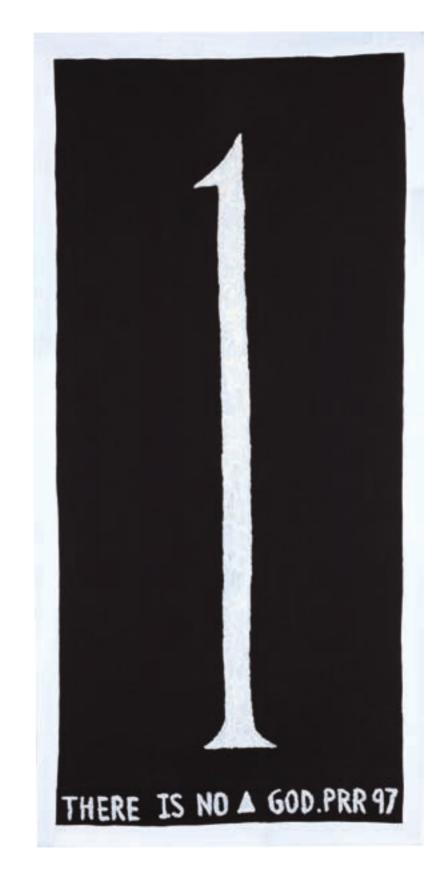
Robinson's increasing scepticism is also metaphorically mirrored by the spiral, a scepticism that is more explicitly voiced in *There is no 1 God*. Here, Robinson directly quotes McCahon's number paintings, references to the fourteen Stations of the Cross and the journey through life, but questions the presumed centrality of the inherited European Christian tradition to McCahon's mission and to New Zealanders as a whole.

McCahon's work regularly progressed from the personal to the universal, as his emotional and spiritual struggle expanded outwards to deal with larger issues. Robinson, however, is cynical of one man's quest on behalf of humankind, just as he is critical of an institution like Te Papa's claim to be representative of a singular national identity. His object, however, is not to provide a solution to the problems implicit in McCahon's legacy, but to revel in their complexities. These two works provided a potent and polemic intervention into the identity debates of the 1990s, which continue to resonate today.

Rebecca Rice

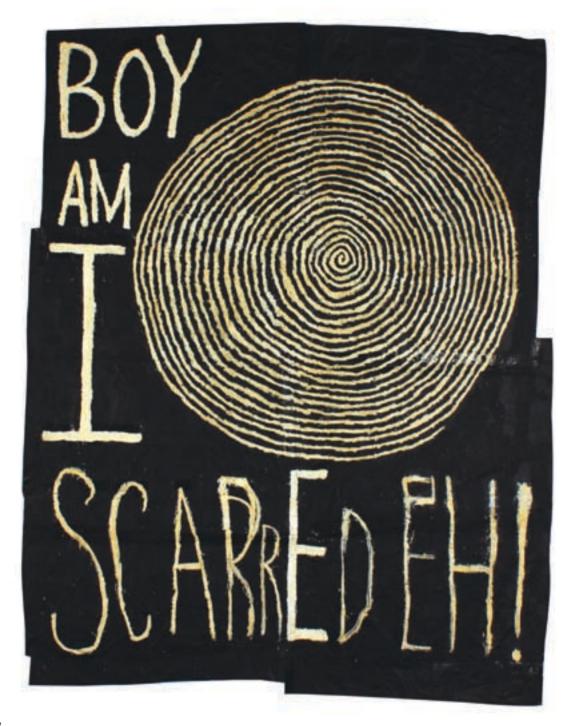
<sup>1</sup> Colin McCahon; a survey exhibition, the Auckland City Art Gallery March/April 1972

<sup>2</sup> Gordon Brown, Colin McCahon: Artist, Wellington: A. H. & A. W. Reed, 1984, p. 170



15
Peter Robinson
There is no 1 God
oil and acrylic on canvas
title inscribed, signed with artist's initials P. R. R and dated '97
1485 x 710mm
\$22 000 - \$30 000

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16
Peter Robinson
Boy am I scarred, Eh!

oil on builder's paper and tape title inscribed 3100 x 2400mm

Exhibited: 'Three Colours: Gordon Bennett and Peter Robinson', Heide Museum of Modern Art (touring), April 8 – July 4, 2004.

Illustrated: Zara Stanhope (ed), *Three Colours: Gordon Bennett and Peter Robinson* (Melbourne, 2004), p. 43.

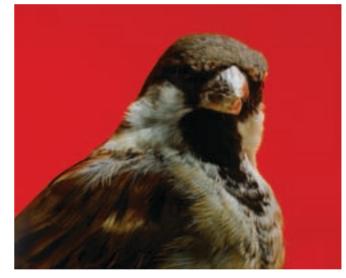
Provenance: Private collection, Wellington.

\$25 000 - \$40 000



17
Peter Robinson
Untitled
oil and bitumen on canvas, 1990
1705 x 2750mm
Exhibited: Robert McDougall Annex,
Christchurch, February 1991
\$20 000 - \$30 000





18
Michael Parekowhai
Calais from The Consolation of
Philosophy Piko Nei Te Matenga
type C print, edition of 8 (2001)
1500 x 1200mm
\$9000 - \$14 000

19 Michael Parekowhai Pat Covert type C print, edition of 10 475 x 575mm \$3500 - \$5000





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#### Michael Parekowhai Crαig Keller/Neil Keller

type C photographs, diptych (2000)

1265 x 1035mm: each 1265 x 2070mm: overall

Exhibited: 'Nine Lives: The 2003 Chartwell Exhibition', New Gallery, Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tāmaki, 13 September – 23 November 2003.

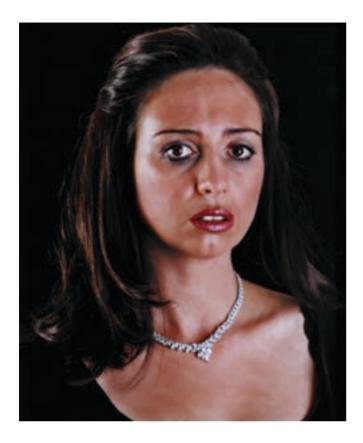
Illustrated: Robert Leonard and Michael Gifkins (eds), Nine Lives: The 2003 Chartwell

Exhibition (Auckland, 2003), pp. 42 - 43.

\$18 000 - \$26 000

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#### 21 Yvonne Todd Self Portrait as Christina Onassis

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lightjet print, 1/3 title inscribed, signed and dated 2006 verso 315 x 260mm Provenance: Private collection, Wellington \$4000-\$6000

#### 22 Yvonne Todd

Artificial Telephone
LED print, 1/3
title inscribed, signed and dated 2001 verso 520 x 440mm \$3500 - \$5500



Desiree Dolron
Lisa
cibachrome print, 7/10
title inscribed, signed and dated
1995 – 97 verso
600 x 500mm
\$12 000 – \$18 000

Dutch photographer Desiree Dolron's position as a leading contemporary European artist was acknowledged by her first retrospective of works from 1990 – 2005 at the Fotomuseum den Haag and a major accompanying publication.

Her work swings between location based reportage as seen at the exhibition *Te Di Todos Mis Suenos/ I Give You All My Dreams* at the Pataka Museum in 2008 and highly staged dreamscapes reminiscent of Dutch Masters such as Vermeer.

Works by Dolron are held in major international collections including The Solomon R.
Guggenheim Museum in New York, the Victoria and Albert Museum in London and the Stedelijk Museum Amsterdam.







gold toned gelatin silver prints, diptych (2005) artist's original label affixed each print verso

565 x 440mm: each print 565 x 880mm: overall \$10 000 - \$15 000 25 Anne Noble Sheep and Lillies of the Field, Jerusalem

gelatin silver print
Provenance: purchased by the current
owner from Bartley Nees Gallery,
Wellington in 2002
145 x 215mm
\$2000 - \$3000



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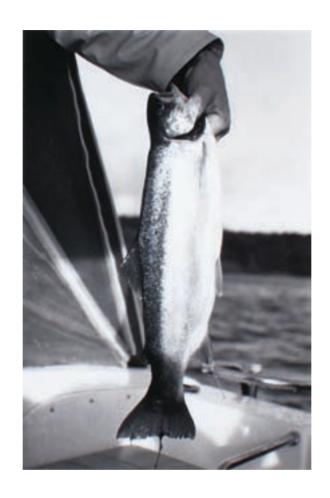


#### 26 **Theo Schoon**

waiotapu Mud Pool Study
unique cibachrome print taken in
1967 and later printed by the artist
and John Perry from the ektachrome
transparency
original John Leech Gallery label affixed verso 390 x 385mm \$4000-\$6000

#### 27 Neil Pardington Rehutai No. 1

LED print on metallic paper, edition of 15, 2005 1187 x 990mm \$3500-\$5000



Peter Peryer
Trout
vintage gelatin silver print, 1987
403 x 265mm
Illustrated: Gregory Burke and Peter
Weiermair, Peter Peryer: Photographer
(edition stemmle, 1995), p. 67.
\$8000 - \$12 000







Peter Peryer Frozen Flame gelatin silver print title inscribed, signed and dated 1988 430 x 300mm \$4000-\$6000

Peter Peryer Edward Bullmore's Launch gelatin silver print 420 x 270mm Illustrated: Gregory Burke and Peter Weiermair, Peter Peryer: Photographer (edition stemmle, 1995), p. \$4000-\$6000

Peter Peryer Engine Leaving Glen Innes Tunnel gelatin silver print, 1992 360 x 360mm Illustrated: Gregory Burke and Peter Weiermair, Peter Peryer: Photographer (edition stemmle, 1995), p. 115. \$4000-\$6000









32 Ann Shelton Frederick B. Butler Collection, Puke Ariki, New Plymouth, Scrapbooks from: Hawera 1949 December - 1950 March to Opunake 1952 August - 1953 February, No. 12 C type print, edition of 3 1370 x 930mm \$3500-\$5000

Ann Shelton Doublet, Parker/Hulme Crime Scene Port Hills, Christchurch, New Zealand, 2001 type C prints, diptych (edition of 5) 710 x 895mm each \$4500-\$6500

Old Bridge Structure from New Bridge, Clutha River, Alexandra, Dec 1980 gold and selenium toned gelatin silver title inscribed, signed and dated 190 x 245mm \$4000-\$6000

Laurence Aberhart

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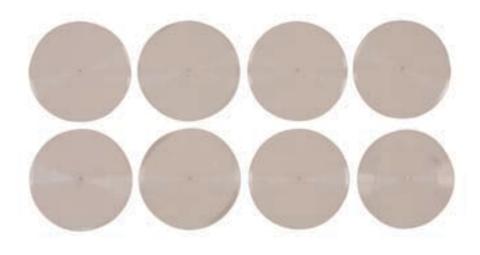




























#### 35 Julian Dashper *Untitled*

oil and pastel on rag paper, diptych 755 x 1120mm \$5000 - \$8000

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Julian Dashper
A Collection of 18 7" Vinyl Records
including Live at the DPAG, Abstract
Abstract, Chicken Tonight, Untitled
1996, December in Dusseldorf,
Milkstar, Avgust 1997, This is the
Last Light of Europe

eighteen 7" vinyl records with covers and sleeves 190 x 190mm each \$2000 - \$4000

#### 36 Julian Dashper Gate Experience

two 7" vinyl records in gatefold album cover inscribed 1st ed, 9/20 and dated 19.6.93 190 x 190mm \$150 - \$300

38
Julian Dashper
A Collection of six 12" Vinyl
Records: The secret, Driving to
Auckland Airport, Slave Pianos, Thin
Ice, The Last Great Art of the 20th
Century, Thin Ice, Europe

six 12" vinyl records with covers and sleeves 310 x 310mm each \$700 - \$1200 Julian Dashper
Blue Circles (1 - 8)

eight polycarbonate 12' vinyl records with covers and sleeves 300 x 300mm: each

700 x 1500mm: installation size

Exhibited: Julian Dashper - Blue Circles', City Gallery Wellington, March - April 2003 : 'Midwestern Unlike You and Me: New Zealand's Julian Dashper', Sioux City Art Centre, Iowa, 2005 (touring).

Illustrated: in the catalogue for the above exhibition, pp. 16, 28.

\$5000 - \$8000



## 40 Dick Frizzell Tiki VI oil on board title inscribed, signed and dated 27/7/91 435 x 445mm Exhibited: 'Dick Frizzell – Portrait of a Serious Artiste', City Gallery Wellington (touring), 15 March – 25 May, 1997. Illustrated: Allan Smith (ed), Dick Frizzell – Portrait of a Serious Artiste (Wellington, 1997)

\$17 000 - \$24 000



John Pule
Agaaga
ink and acrylic on unstretched canvas
title inscribed, signed and dated 2001
1745 x 1800mm
\$32 000 - \$40 000













#### 42 Shane Cotton Gate (I – XII) Nga Rangi Tuhaha

acrylic on twelve panels
title inscribed and each panel variously
inscribed; each panel individually signed
and dated '03 and numbered Gate I
through to Gate XII
250 x 250mm: each panel
600 x 2000mm: installation size
\$60 000 - \$80 000

Nga Rangi Tuhaha (the separate heavens) are the twelve heavenly precincts of Maori mythology. In this tradition each heaven has a name and special attributes, and only the uppermost heavens are inhabited by the gods. Access to the lower heavens is permitted to male and female servant-spirits in various forms.¹ A more pragmatic interpretation of these heavens is that they take the

form of layered skies. The clouds of these skies play over the surface of the twelve panels of Gate (I - XII) Nga Rangi Tuhaha like bicultural dreamshapes, of which the dominant motif is that of a preserved Maori head or moko mokai. Such heads were originally preserved for posterity within a carefully regulated system of cultural boundaries, but became items of barter and active headhunting













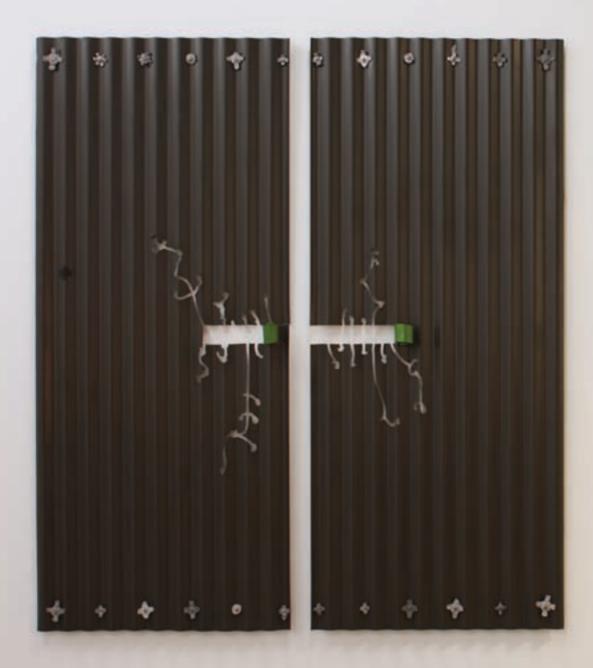
with the advent of European trade and firearms in the 19th century. The shock value in the work comes from the astonishingly bold use of such a culturally loaded motif. In this context Cotton's choice of the 'Gate' theme is crucial. Gate (I – XII) Nga Rangi Tuhaha has its genesis in the famous 'Gate' series of panels made by Colin McCahon in 1961-62. McCahon said of his own 'Gate' series that he was

wanting to 'find a way through', much as Jim Morrison and the Doors wanted to 'break on through to the other side', later in the 60s. We are talking about spiritual breakthrough here: an access to the divine, like that provided by a traditional religious painting or icon, but without the specificity of denomination or dogma. Cotton uses both implicit and explicit religious symbols in Gate (I - XII) Nga Rangi

Tuhaha, for example the image of Christ walking on water, which derives from the famous glass window image in the lakeside chapel of St Faith's Church, Ohinemutu, Rotorua.

Oliver Stead

1 See Wilhelm Dittmer, Te Tohunga, the ancient legends and traditions of the Maoris. London: G. Routledge & Sons; New York: E.P. Dutton, 1907.





Our eyes slide down the dark dark grey (charcoal) iron sheet, as if over a rippled sea with its peaks and troughs, and we almost fall through it. At first it seems vague, this spacious flatness, or rather neutral without real colour, volume without veneer, but soon it begins to possess qualities, signs and life. The descent of our eyes down each sheet of corrugated iron, like slipping down the incline of a newly corrugated roof, occurs as if we were waiting for that moment when a tongue would peel back, like the lid of a sardine can, to catch our fall, revealing a verdant underbelly, green as a spring leaf or a Granny Smith apple. A world otherwise revealed resplendent in a gash. As our eyes sink and glide down each wrinkly panel surface in a sort of fascination they are also caught, inveigled, by a cobwebby filigree of delicate plant-like forms (tiny fern fronds?) that race through the iron almost eating their way forward like etching acid. Then we notice that the upper and lower edges of each corrugated iron sheet are fixed to a support by beaten leadhead nails, like little silver humming magnets stuck to a charcoal refrigerator door. Further footholds for our descent, these nail heads are cast mementoes of small objects given to the artist by his friends, they function like the small ex votos of beaten metal one finds in Italian churches, banal and stereotypical in character, humdrum in their mediocrity, but potent in psychic efficacy and private memory. Now standing back from the whole composition, we perceive that the two rippled surfaces of iron are deliberately juxtaposed (a diptych) to concoct a cruciform shape that hovers ephemerally before our eyes. A conjured shape that in its proportions reminds us of Hotere's shiny black, reflective lacquered paintings of the 1970s, each featuring a perfectly centred, fulllength, sharp, coloured slit-like cross. Corrugated iron, invented in England in 1830, introduced into New Zealand in 1850 (it 'roofed' the first New Zealand Parliament in 1852), and now regarded as iconic kiwiana, has over the course of his career been framed, painted, lacquered, scratched, sanded, burnished, and scored by Ralph Hotere. Now that Hotere himself has become something of a New Zealand icon, it seems fitting, as writer Geoff Chapple maintains, that behind all the familiar New Zealand icons lies "the unremitting ripple of corrugated iron".

Laurence Simmons





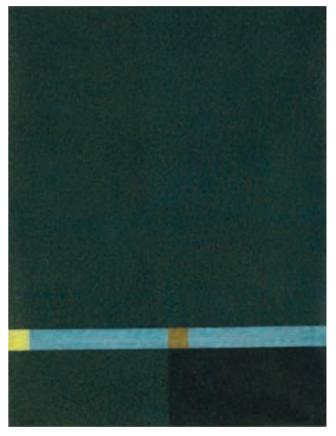
Gavin Hurley

A Boy's Best Friend is his Mother
oil on hessian
signed with artist's initials G. J. H and
dated '06 verso
1353 x 1000mm
\$11 000-\$16 000

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Richard McWhannell
Her Head in her Hand (Donogh)
oil on linen
title inscribed, signed and dated
1999 – 2000 verso
655 x 835mm
\$8000 – \$12 000







#### 46 John Drawbridge *Untitled*

oil on canvas mounted to board signed and dated 1972 1525 x 1068mm \$7000 - \$12 000

#### 47 Milan Mrkusich Green Achromatic with Orange and Yellow

polymer coloured pencil and crayon on canvas paper signed and dated '84; title inscribed, signed and dated verso 585 x 440mm \$9000 - \$14 000

#### **Gordon Walters**

Gordon Walters' *Study for Rewa* (1981) is one of the artist's most restrained, and yet effective, designs from his celebrated Koru series. First exhibited in 1966, some fifteen years previous, the artist was by the early 1980s moving towards a greater clarity and sense of formal order in his compositions. Walters remarked of his practice: "My work is an investigation of positive/negative relationships within a deliberately limited range of forms... I believe that dynamic relations are most clearly expressed by the repetition of a few simple elements". The recurring 'elements' in the Koru series were as little as a line, often terminating in a bulb, and a circle.

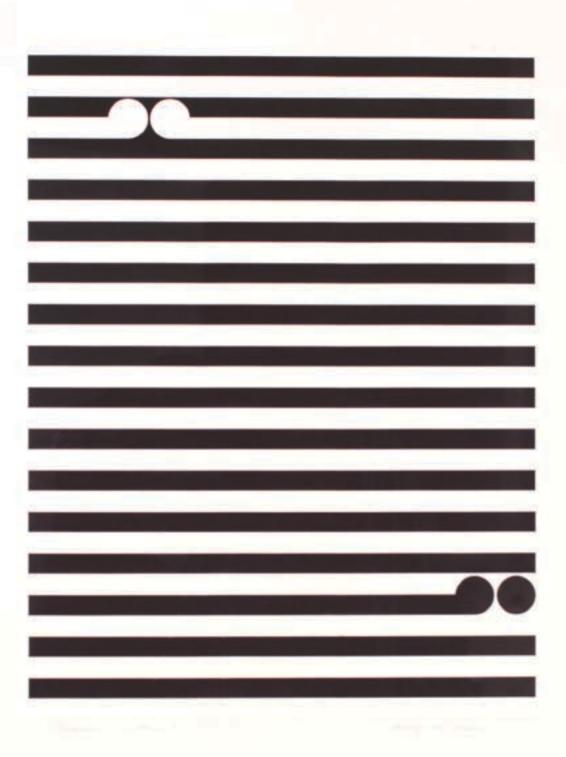
Study for Rewa features two terminating Koru bulbs meeting in the top left corner and in the bottom right corner a single black bulb abruptly meets a circle. In between, alternate bands of black and white spread horizontally across the page. Such a blandly descriptive account of the work – what theorists might refer to as ekphrasis, the process of transferring literally what the eye sees or reads into words – does little to convey the complexity of any real engagement with this work, the rich cultural and aesthetic associations with traditional Maori art and Oceanic aesthetics, and the intricate, refined precision of the artist's working method.

Walters' works on paper were central to his practice and working method. More often than not the artist would begin a design with a prepatory papier collé before producing a work on paper and then lastly a fully-realized painting on canvas or board. Both the papier collé's and the works on paper serve to lay bare the artist's fastidious technique in a wonderfully illuminating manner which his paintings conceal. The artist abandoned free-hand painting in his Koru works as early as 1961 and the drawn pencil lines and barely-visible pricks of the compass, which only reveal themselves upon close inspection, serve as wonderful testimonies to Walters' unwavering exactitude as well as crucial reminders that the artist's earliest training was in the realm of commercial art rather than fine art.

Ben Plumbly

Gordon Walters
Study for Rewa
ink on paper

title inscribed, signed and dated '81 and inscribed 10 – 04 – 81 760 x 570mm \$55 000 – \$75 000









## A.R.D Fairburn Study of Maori Rock Drawings vintage screenprinted fabric mounted

vintage screenprinted fabric mo to board signed 640 x 800mm Provenance: Private collection, Auckland \$4000 - \$6000

## 50 **Adele Younghusband Princes Bridge, Melbourne**

oil on board title inscribed, signed and dated 1940 verso 360 x 495mm \$5000 - \$8000

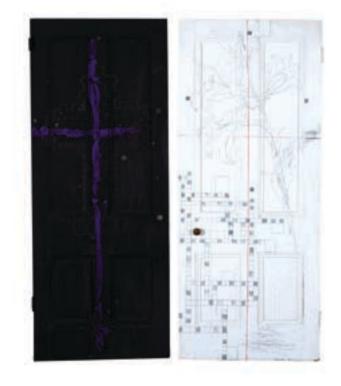
## Dorothy Kate Richmond Untitled – Pastoral Scene with Grazing Sheep

watercolour signed with artist's initials *D. K. R* and dated 1906 260 x 260mm \$4500 - \$6500









John Reynolds
Small Annunciation
acrylic, oilstick and mixed media on hinged hoard

hinged board title inscribed, signed and dated 1988 1200 x 795 x 75mm \$6000 - \$8000 53 John Reynolds Knight of the Mirrors/Knight of the Mournful Countenance

acrylic and graphite on two panel doors title inscribed, signed and dated 1992 and inscribed *Quixote* each panel verso 2750 x 860mm: each 2750 x 1720mm: overall \$15 000 - \$20 000



#### 54 Terry Stringer Mask cast bronze signed and dated '79 235 x 150 x 60mm

\$2500 - \$4500

Terry Stringer

Adore

cast bronze, 18/30
title inscribed and signed with artist's initials T. S

130 x 85 x 50mm

\$1900 - \$2600

Michael Parekowhai
Atarangi
two pot paint on aluminium, 4 parts
200 x 800 x 100mm
\$10 000 - \$15 000

Ron Left

Axial No. 9 Corner Painting
acrylic on shaped board
title inscribed, signed and dated 1985
1690 x 1100 x 700mm
\$2500 - \$4000









58
Michael Parekowhai
The Bosom of Abraham
screenprinted vinyl on fluorescent light
housing
1300 x 200 x 80mm
\$5000 - \$8000

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Michael Parekowhai
The Bosom of Abraham
screenprinted vinyl on fluorescent light
housing
1300 x 200 x 80mm
\$5000 - \$8000

Jeff Koons
Balloon Dog (Blue)
metalized porcelain, 1937/2300
original Museum of Contemporary Art,
Los Angeles label affixed verso
260 x 260 x 110mm
\$5500 - \$7500

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61
Paul Dibble
Flights in Sticks
cast bronze, 2006
signed
740 × 540 × 130mm
\$12 000 - \$18 000

#### **Paul Dibble**

The dawn of the new millennium heralded a new-found freedom for sculptor Paul Dibble. With a foundry and studio in Palmerston North, a team of highly-trained assistants in place and a more regular income from an increasingly appreciative audience, the artist set about further investigating the limits of his age-old medium of choice, bronze. Conceived in the same year as the artist's Hyde Park Memorial (2005), the *Soft Geometric* series presented audiences with a shift towards a simpler, cleaner and more homogenous formal template.

The dramatic formal shift did not represent a clean break however. Numerous narrative strains have remained a constant throughout the artist's impressive oeuvre and the cool, restrained formal elegance of the *Soft Geometric* works recalled the elongated limbs and torsos of his *Long Horizon* works as well as the recurring Nautilus Shell, not to mention further reflecting Dibble's obvious lifelong engagement with New Zealand and Polynesian history.

Soft Geometric references both Maori and European history, providing a touchstone to the International Modernist sculpture of Arp, Brancusi and Moore whilst closer to home recalling the bicultural vernacular of Theo Schoon and, more especially, Gordon Walters. Like Walters' Koru paintings, negative space is as integral to the composition and the experience of viewing the work as positive form. From some angles the work appears solid and dense, from others the sharply outlined shapes serve to lighten the sculpture teasing the eye from the three dimensional corporeal mass to make it appear as a silhouette. To sculpt in bronze, an inflexible and anachronistic medium burdened with history, is a generous and brave act in the face of an increasingly relentless and temporal society, fixated on the here and now. That Dibble's cast bronze sculptures give us cause to pause and reflect in these busy times is something for which we should be grateful.

Ben Plumbly



62 Paul Dibble Soft Geometric Medium Series 2, No. 1

cast bronze, edition of 2 signed and dated 2004 2000 x 1000 x 465mm

Illustrated: Jeantte Cook (ed), *Paul Dibble* (Auckland, 2001), p. 199. Exhibited: 'Sculpture on the Shore', Auckland, 2004

\$60 000 - \$80 000







#### 63 Neil Dawson Holes (Up/Down)

steel wire, plastic mesh and enamel paint, two parts, 2/5 title inscribed, signed and dated 1982 (on artist's original case) 50 x 380 x 380mm: each part installation size: variable \$7000 - \$10 000

#### 64 Chris Bryant Sub-Urban

acrylic and enamel on vintage gelatin silver print, 1992 title inscribed; signed verso 360 x 360mm \$3000 - \$5000

#### 65 **Jeff Thomson Buzzy Bee**

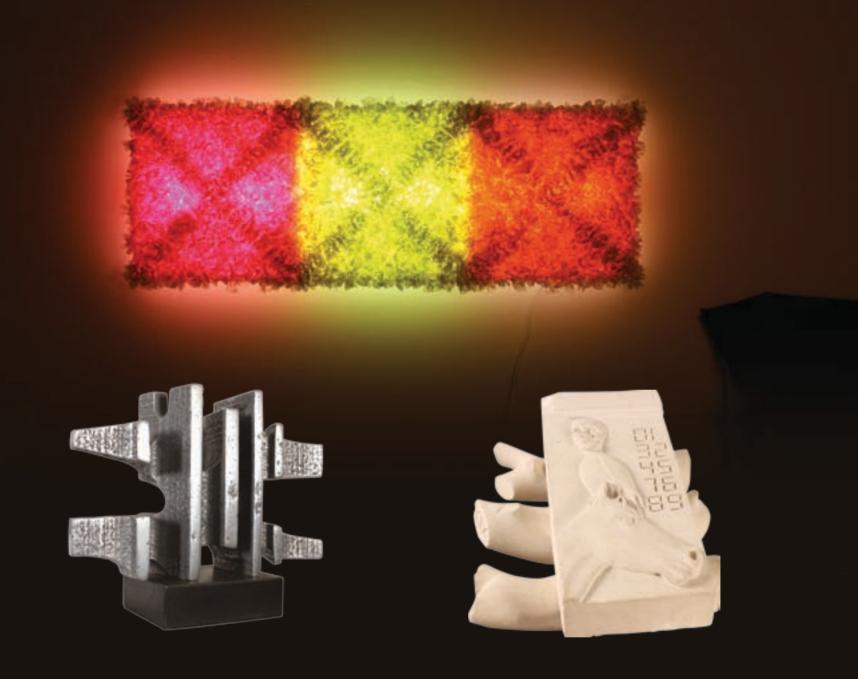
acrylic on corrugated iron 1250 x 1190 x 450mm

Provenance: Purchased by the current owner from Denis Cohn Gallery, circa 1986; Private collection, Auckland.

\$8000-\$12 000

#### 65.1 Jeff Thomson New Zealand Bouquet

screenprint and acrylic on corrugated iron, 2003 1150 x 780 x 340mm \$6000 - \$9000



66
Niki Hastings-McFall
Sweet Little Kisses
lei flowers and lightbox
1810 x 690 x 170mm
\$4000 - \$6000

67 **Guy Ngan No. 15**cast aluminium
title inscribed, signed and dated 1975
460 x 365 x 178mm
\$4500 - \$6500

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Denis O'Connor

Sill for a Bird King – XIX

carved limestone quarried from Maheno, North Otago

855 x 760 x 338mm

Exhibited: 'Branches from the Wishing Tree: Stone Carvings by Denis O'Connor', Dunedin Public Art Gallery, June 3 – July 6, 1986 (touring).

Reference: Peter Leech, 'Branches from the Wishing Tree: Denis O'Connor', *Art New Zealand*, 1986, pp. 30, 81.

Provenance: Corporate collection, Auckland

\$8000-\$14 000







#### 69 Bill Hammond Yamaha RX 9: Used

acrylic on wallpaper, two panels title inscribed, signed and dated 1989 1040 x 1900mm: overall

Provenance: Purchased by the current owner from Peter McLeavey Gallery in 1990

\$35 000 - \$45 000

# 70 Dale Frank It's a whole new world that we live in/maintain muscle mass/Nelson Landscape

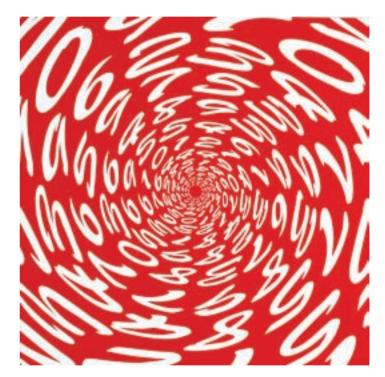
acrylic and varnish on canvas signed and dated 2004 2000 x 2000mm \$25 000 - \$35 000











#### 71 Richard Killeen Herd of black hat

acrylic and gesso on 30 aluminium pieces title inscribed, signed and dated '99 500 x 380mm: installation size \$7000 - \$10 000

#### 72 Reuben Paterson Black and White T. V

acrylic and glitterdust on canvas title inscribed, signed and dated 2005 verso 610 x 610mm \$4500 - \$7000

#### 73 Sara Hughes Inflate 2

acrylic on linen title inscribed, signed and dated 2008 verso 810 x 810mm \$4500 - \$6500



74
John Pule
Fufili
ink and oil on canvas
signed and dated 2005
2120 x 1800mm
\$32 000 - \$40 000

#### **Charles Frederick Goldie**

Kapi Kapi, of the Tuhourangi tribe at Whakarewarewa, was among Charles Frederick Goldie's favourite subjects, the artist painting her no fewer than 22 times. A survivor of the Tarawera eruption, she lived to the ripe old age of 102 before dying, deliberately it is said, by falling into a hot pool - said to be then-custom among the old Maori (Peter Shaw, http://www.fletchercollection.co.nz/exhibition/ turning-points/category1/cfgoldie.php). This fine example, painted in 1909, comes eight years after the artist first began undertaking regular trips to the Rotorua region where he took photographs and sketched local Maori. Goldie's paintings have been increasingly scrutinized in recent years for giving pictorial form to the turn of the century notion that the Maori were a dying race. Paintings such as The Old Sentinel have been criticized as overt stereotypes, in which the artist portrays his elderly Maori subjects as melancholic, introspective and mournful; as if they are dreaming of a better place and a better time.

It is the acute detail which marks *The Old Sentinel* as among the artist's finest small paintings, a skill which the artist honed during his years studying at the Academie Julien in Paris. Goldie wonderfully counterposes the heavily-lined face and fine silver tresses of his 102 year old subject with the carved ancestral pou of the local whare whakiro, granting pictorial expression to the veneration with which *Kapi Kapi* was held, due to both her survival through many years of conflict and natural disaster along with her unerring work ethic and status as a revered Maori matron. Particularly notable and further to the intense concentration of detail on the artist's face is the trademark attention to the moko. *Kapi Kapi* was said to be the only woman the artist ever saw with the tattooed spiral around the nostrils and the detail of her kauae chin moko is exquisitely rendered in this particular example.

Despite some criticism of the artist from certain circles it is interesting to note the response many Maori had at the Goldie exhibitions which toured Australia and New Zealand in the 1990s, with many considering the pictures to represent actual 'personifications' of their ancestors, seeing part of their spirits remaining in painted form and being genuinely grateful to the artist for capturing and keeping the memory of their ancestors' alive. Perhaps, in a nutshell, this is why a painting such as this which was painted some 100 years ago, still seems so wonderfully relevant, even in today's digital age.

Ben Plumbly

#### 75 Charles Frederick Goldie The Old Sentinel

\$180 000 - \$220 000

oil on wooden panel in artist's original frame signed and dated 1909; title inscribed, signed and dated C. F Goldie Auckland, Sale Price £12-12-0 on artist's original label affixed verso 203 x 150mm
Provenance: Private collection, Auckland



#### **Ralph Hotere**

A picture paints a thousand words is one of those dog-eared sayings that springs to mind whenever a cliché is required. It is a truism easily confounded when one approaches that distinctive strain of collaborative image making that is a defining feature of New Zealand modernism: paintings with words; about words... of words.

Two of our greatest artists Colin McCahon and Ralph Hotere repeatedly return to the theme of the painted word via potent relationships with writers and poets or by accessing sacred and historical texts. In McCahon's case a rich and long-standing 'cowriting' relationship was formed with John Caselberg.

Ralph Hotere has enjoyed numerous fertile relationships with writers and poets including Cilla McQueen, Bill Manhire, Hone Tuwhare and Ian Wedde.

Dawn / Water Poem of 1975 explicitly acknowledges the poet Manhire. The inscription of the writer's name is placed in pole position in the bottom right hand margin in the exact spot usually reserved for the artist's signature. Hotere gives himself second billing with a lesser annotation along the right hand vertical of the painting.

Bill Manhire is one of New Zealand's most awarded writers and was honoured with the 2007 Prime Minister's Award for Literary Achievement. His role as a teacher and mentor is equally important as the director of the International Institute of Modern Letters, centre for Creative Writing at Victoria University of Wellington.

Manhire's ongoing role as a poetic muse and foil for Hotere has been the source of some of the artist's most significant works of the late 20th Century in the form of the *Song Cycle*, *Pine* and *Maladay* series. These can be described in musical terms as almost duets.

In *Dawn/Water Poem* the repeated 'lyric' SUNRISE enters and connotes the rising sun from the upper right or eastern corner and slides into a column as the phrase metamorphoses from rusty red to deep blue at the bottom of the canvas. This use of 'animated' text presents as cinematic, the sense of anticipation this graphic

device creates is akin to the opening credits of a film, becoming a metaphor for the renewed hope of a new day.

The theatrical allusion is further heightened by the drizzled verticals in a gauzy blue which act as diaphanous curtains from which the obscured text emerges. These echoes of the proscenium are not co-incidental, in 1975 Hotere had designed the programme and poster for *Song Cycle – Sound Movement Theatre*, a collaborative presentation between Manhire, musicians Barry Margan, and Jack Body, complete with a dance component.

A consistent thread in Hotere's work has been environmental protest. *Dawn/Water Poem* and the Sunrise motif became vehicles to express the artist's renunciation of the Mururoa nuclear testing which had commenced in 1966. Hotere's opposition to this destruction came to a head in an incendiary body of paintings in 1985 to which the canvas in this catalogue is directly related. In *Dawn/Water Poem* of 1986 from the Christchurch Art Gallery Collection a flaming red ground sets the scene for the canvas to be graffitied with references to Mururoa. Dawn in this context stands for the terrifying force of the nuclear era and water has been described as the Pacific Ocean enveloping the assaulted atoll.

In the 1975 canvas this impending storm is yet to break and an air of contemplation and the formal elements of the work are to the fore. What is ever present however is the impeccable blending of the graphic qualities of the text within Hotere's composition, poetry in painting.

Hamish Coney



#### 76 Ralph Hotere *Dawn/Water Poem*

acrylic on canvas title inscribed, signed and dated Port Chalmers '75 and inscribed *Manhire*; title inscribed, signed and dated verso 1055 x 653mm

Exhibited: 'The Group Show', Canterbury Society of Arts, Christchurch, March 1976 Provenance: Private collection, Canterbury

\$80 000 - \$120 000

#### **Ralph Hotere**

Pakiri beach just north of Auckland is one of those spots that tug at the heart when New Zealanders have been away from Aotearoa for any long period. A rugged coast softened by Pohutukawas, golden sand and dunes fringed with maritime grasses – picture perfect. However, like so many of New Zealand's most picturesque attractions it is contested to the point of vexation. Beautiful sunkissed Pakiri beach has for years been dredged for tonnes of sand to make concrete.

That Ralph Hotere should be drawn to this location where a fragile natural resource is under siege by industry should come as no surprise. He has always been on the side of nature's underdogs – in this case the near extinct Dotterel that nests in the dunes.

From the *Polaris* works of the early 1960s to the *Towards Aramoana* and *Oputae* series of the 1980s Hotere has been deeply concerned with the net effect of man's industrial strength ability to inflict damage on the defenceless earth.

Another constant in a career of over sixty years has been a remarkable facility with materials that stand outside the usual painterly norms. That so many of Hotere's paintings are in fact constructed with a minimum of paint and a maximum of steel, wood, gold leaf, pewter nails and all manner of media often goes unremarked for the simple reason that he treats these often difficult materials in a sinuous, painterly manner.

Pakiri from 1999 is such a case in point. The work is framed by a raw wooden window frame reminiscent of the Black Window series. The centrepiece is a heavily burnished sheet of polished stainless steel. The burnished pattern consists of repeated rows of a figure of 8 schema which is centred by a striking cross fashioned with a blow torch. The brilliant square of metal is affixed to the substrate by a dozen objet trouve cast pewter mounts – not a drop of paint to be seen!

Viewing the image in a static photo on this page discounts the vital interplay between the viewer and the reflective metal surface. The vigourous burnishing and application of the blowtorch cause the metal to bend and roll under heat resulting in a subtle range of mounds and hollows in the surface of the sheet. This uneven but highly reflective surface brings the viewer and the physical space within which the work is located into play. The final component which animates the formal properties of the work is the viewer whose form is warped and deformed by the 'mirror' effect of the polished steel. At the same time the burnished sections catch the light in an almost kinetic display of movement. The effect is highly interactive much like the bloating and shrinking effect of a vaudeville mirror.

As in so much of Hotere's work his ability to harness chance and mechanical processes within a formally rigourous design gives the work the frisson of high stakes risk. Images of Hotere in his studio frequently show the artist with the equipment required to 'attack' the metal utilized in works such as *Pakiri* – grinders, blow torches and gas bottles.

Within the confines of this wall mounted 'painting' Hotere is definitely working outside the square.

Hamish Coney

77 Ralph Hotere *Pakiri* 

burnished and blow torched steel, lead head nails and Colonial window frame title inscribed, signed and dated *Carey's Bay '99*; title inscribed, signed and dated verso 1095 x 1007mm \$70 000 - \$100 000





#### **Pat Hanly**

Pat Hanly's Yellow Jogger (1981) has, until now, occupied exactly the same place since it was hung there by the artist and his dealer Rodney Kirk-Smith at the time of its purchase, in the year it was painted and first exhibited. It's not exactly a sun-drenched spot and its five years since I first saw it there, partially obscured by a hall table, a vase of flowers and a small bronze. Unlike other aspects of modern life, you never forget – or at least I don't... – a truly great painting.

Unquestionably one of the defining paintings from the artist's muchlauded Golden Age series, nearly 30 years on it here gets only its second ever public airing, a great treat for Pat Hanly fans and for fans of New Zealand Modernism. The Golden Age series successfully amalgamated many of the artist's defining leitmotifs bringing them together with a formal clarity and lucidity perhaps only seen before in the equally-lauded Figures in Light series. The artist himself wrote of the works: "The Golden Age all races in harmony, love, live, despite greed and wars. Birds sing, stars appear, moon and sun shine, colours glow and life goes on." Hanly's concerns were as much social and political as they were aesthetic at this point of his career. Painted in a time of great public dissension and discord, the works in the series all aimed to embody the ideal of human decency and harmony. Profoundly affected by both the Bastion Point saga where 200 'trespassers' were arrested on Ngati Whatua land, and the Springbok tour in which Hanly himself participated in the Hamilton Rally where the game was cancelled, perhaps never before in the artist's work had political and aesthetic concerns coalesced in such a fecund manner.

Yellow Jogger is a tour-de-force of modernist painting, brilliantly showcasing the artist's unrivalled skills as a colourist. On a milky white field the constituent parts play out their sun-drenched, joie de vivre of life and love. The aggressively angular figure of the male yellow jogger predominates, flanked by two typically curvaceous females figure, á la the torso series. Echoing the two nude women are heavily stylized infant or tiki figures appearing in different graduations of burnt orange, one of which points to the heavens. Reappearing throughout the Golden Age series, along with the peace dove in the sky, they serve as a reminder of a purer existence and of creation itself, whilst the bold patches of pure colour further reinforce the inebriating air of passion and desire.

The artist concluded the series in the same year as Yellow Jogger, crossing out a later painting aggressively with black lines and in doing so effectively wiping out both the image and the series and all it stood for. In Yellow Jogger, Hanly parades in grand fashion his unique ability to make paint sing and dance and reminds us all that irregardless of technological advances, painting's capacity to convey our dreams and desires remains unrivalled.

Ben Plumbly

78 Pat Hanly Yellow Jogger

acrylic and enamel on board title inscribed, signed and dated 1981; title inscribed, signed and dated and inscribed 'Golden Age Series' verso 1190 x 1190mm

Provenance: Purchased by the current owner from R. K. S Gallery in 1981; Private collection, Auckland.

\$160 000 - \$220 000

#### **Shane Cotton**

Hopa is Maori for Job, the prophet of the Old Testament. The quotation from Job 29:18 which appears down the centre of this painting relates to a tradition of the Taiamai lands of Northland. In 1998, while in Dunedin as Frances Hodgkins Fellow, Shane Cotton embarked on a new leg in his voyages of discovery into the landscape of cultural symbols. This time his course was set for the Far North, to the so-called 'Taiamai' lands of his own ancestral Ngati Rangi people, the environs of Ohaeawai and Ngawha. Hopa is one of the great works from this year of intense productivity for Cotton.

The symbolic landscape into which Cotton enters in Hopa is one of great richness, for its history has been well documented, in the pakeha sense, and carefully handed down, tuku iho, in the Maori sense. Yet the era he is dealing with here, the early 19<sup>th</sup> century, is also characterised by great wipings-out and revisions in the cultural records of both Maori and pakeha. As usual in Cotton's work, the time and space coordinates of his landing on this scene, in the guise of cultural time-traveller, are given with academic precision. In this case it is the intersection of two phrases: the quotation from Job, 'I shall die in my nest, and I shall multiply my days as the sand', and the whakatauki, or proverb, of Ngati Rangi, which says 'Ko Ngati Rangi, ko te angaanga i titi i te rangi' - 'I am Ngati Rangi, the head which shines down from Heaven'. These two phrases form a cross on the surface of the painting, indicating the advent of Christianity in Northland at the time of the Musket Wars of the 1820s. At the same time this word-cross forms a locational device, like the crosshairs on a rifle sight or surveying instrument, and as such it is analogous to the bulls-eye target devices also frequently used by Cotton. As a navigator of cultural landscapes he is saying to the viewer, 'I have fixed my sights on this part of the story'. Having thus located his field of interest, Cotton then sets about, like one of Cook's scientists, to capture and identify the figurative symbols, pure-bred and hybrid, he finds in the historical records relating to the story.

We can see how this process works in *Hopa*. Appearing along the horizontal axis of this word-cross, hovering above the long topographical profile showing the lands and mountains of Taiamai, the Maori proverb locates the reader in a historical narrative, and

allows us to follow the other navigational symbols in the work as a consequence. The proverb is a Ngati Rangi one, and refers to internal struggles within the Ngapuhi subtribes of Northland for dominance, even as the greater Ngapuhi tribal alliance was seeking to dominate more southerly-dwelling tribes with the help of English muskets. The version of the proverb quoted here is attributed to the Ngati Rangi leader Tari and refers to his claim to the senior lineage of the Ngapuhi clans. During this time, amid the chaos of internecine war between rival Maori families, and with European Christians simultaneously attacking the very cultural fabric of Northland Maori identity, strange new cultural hybrids of Maori and pakeha culture emerged among Maori in the form of messianic cults. Such cults were a response to deliberate cultural wrecking of Maoritanga by Christians on the one hand, and on the other the strong desire of a people stripped of their familiar cultural signposts, to find new ones by which to hang on to the land of their forefathers. This need to find new words for hanging on is at the essence of the quotation from Job. The verse was used by the Hokianga prophet Papahurihia, leader of a visionary movement in the 1830s which came to be known as the 'Blackout Movement', and is one of Cotton's major interests during his time in Dunedin.

Oliver Stead

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#### **Shane Cotton**

#### Нора

oil on canvas title inscribed, signed and dated 1998 verso 1857 x 1550mm

Illustrated: Art New Zealand, No. 90, Autumn 1999, p. 73.

Reference: William McAloon, 'Stirring the Pot: Recent Paintings by Shane Cotton',

Art New Zealand, No. 90, p. 74.

Provenance: Private collection, Wellington

\$130 000 - \$170 000



#### **Michael Illingworth**

In an interview with Barry Lett in 1965 Michael Illingworth announced 'I am building a façade for my own world, against the establishment façade, the façade of hypocritical suburbia'. It became a world populated by his provocative Adam and Eve characters – lost, ingenuous little figures, waving at us with a transfixed wide-eyed stare. Alongside the Adam and Eve paintings are their binary opposite, the well-dressed, bourgeois figures called Mr and Mrs Piss-Quick. Where Adam and Eve are posed against nature, the Piss-Quicks are always located in domestic interiors. It is the city versus the wilderness. Although blatantly satiric paintings, humorous and mocking in tone, they are also imbued with a childlike exuberance.

Early in his career Illingworth positioned himself as an 'outsider', believing in the role of the artist as social critic and the initiator of change. Like his friend and kindred spirit James K Baxter, his work is infused with the alternative attitudes and mood prevalent in the 1960s and '70s. Like Baxter he also separated himself and his family from urban society by first moving from Auckland to Puhoi and then to a farm in Coroglen on the Coromandel Peninsula.

Born into an upper middle class family in England, as a child Illingworth was sent to an alternative school until his parents emigrated to New Zealand in the early 1950s. Perhaps his parents, like many of those who emigrated at that time, imagined New Zealand as a kind of utopia. New Zealand, however, was ultimately a disappointment for Illingworth. This disappointment is reflected in his paintings in which he rejects the aspirations and mores of suburban New Zealand posing it against the openness and freedom of a rural idyll, a Garden of Eden.

The Adam and Eve paintings are Illingworth's most controversial works. These small, naïve, naked figures are always located in the landscape. Their expressions and gestures are invariably ambiguous – are they beckoning us towards them, welcoming us to their Eden, or bidding us farewell? The landscape and the notion of a rural idyll evoke the possibility, as Illingworth once suggested, of purity. They are figures closely connected with nature and the land and while

they appear ingenuous and unashamedly naked, to some their explicit genitalia was flagrantly sexual – so much so that when first shown in the 1970s there were complaints of obscenity. The Barry Lett Gallery in which the works were being exhibited refused to remove the paintings and although the complaint went to court it was eventually dismissed.

Illingworth was one of a group of painters including Colin McCahon, Don Binney and Michael Smither, all of whom exhibited at the Barry Lett Gallery in the 1960s, for whom conservation of the natural environment was already part of their visual vocabulary and focus. In Adam and Eve the bare hills and naked tree seem as vulnerable as the disconsolate little Adam and Eve figures. It is a work as much about the landscape as the figures which inhabit it.

Illingworth's early works were expressionistic in style with a strong sense of gesture. Later he began to paint in the hard-edged realism of this his 'classic' style. These are paintings that have been worked and reworked until they glowed with a rich and vibrant luminosity. 'The initial attack', Illingworth wrote, 'is spontaneous, blind. But then the painting has to be rounded off. There is a gradual process of refinement, hours and hours of work until it is finished and then I am utterly exhausted by the effort.' They are exquisite paintings, their faux naivety, as with *Adam and Eve*, strangely compelling.

Kriselle Baker

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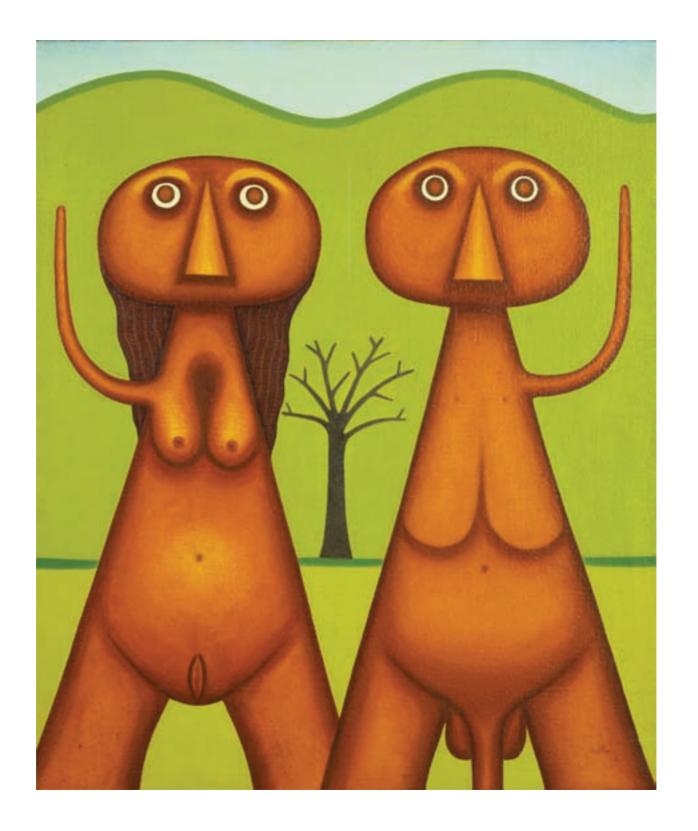
### Michael Illingworth Adam and Eve

oil on jute title inscribed, signed and dated 1968 verso 913 x 761mm

Exhibited: 'A Tourist in Paradise Lost: The Art of Michael Illingworth',

City Gallery, Wellington, 14 July – 28 October, 2001. Provenance: Private collection, Wellington

\$140 000 - \$190 000



#### Colin McCahon

Spending increasingly less time at Muriwai, Colin McCahon settled into a new studio in Grey Lynn in late 1978. Among the first works produced here are series of small paintings titled *Truth from the King Country: Load Bearing Structures* in which Tau crosses are superimposed on abstracted landscapes. *Truth from the King Country: Small mysteries (the seven wounds) no. 6* (1978) is from this series.

Although less literal than many of his works *Truth from the King Country: Small mysteries (the seven wounds) no.* 6 has a religious subject. Along with the Tau cross, the seven dark forms that border the central composition are understood to be representations of the sacred wounds Christ endured throughout the course of his Passion.

The series title locates the work in the central North Island and offers a double meaning to the formal arrangements of the Tau cross symbol. Its form is reminiscent of the renowned railway bridges at the Mangaweka Viaduct in the heart of the King Country. The viaduct is one of the highest railway bridges in New Zealand and straddles one of several deep river gorges that cut though the area. A more metaphorical interpretation suggests that like a bridge, faith bears the strain of bridging the wide gap of a deep ravine.

Anna Jackson

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#### Colin McCahon

 ${\it Truth from King Country: Small Mysteries (The Seven Wounds) \, No. \, 6}$ 

acrylic on canvasboard

title inscribed, signed with artist's initials CMcC and dated '78 verso 227 x 305mm

Reference: Colin McCahon database (www.mccahon.co.nz) CM000955

\$55 000 - \$75 000



#### Colin McCahon

Colin McCahon is hardly ever described as a gestural painter. His painted surfaces for all their compositional energy are careful. worked and worked-over (sometimes for years). But in 1958 on his big OE we know that McCahon visited New York artist Alan Kaprow's studio and was enthusiastic about a painting done in the course of one of Kaprow's 'Happenings' (multi-media, interactive performances that often, in their early manifestations had paintings as their outcome). It was, he said, the most beautiful and "contemporary" painting he'd ever seen. In the late 1950's. Kaprow, with Jackson Pollock in mind and inspired by the critic Harold Rosenberg, had written a series of essays about 'Action Painting': art that involved the spontaneous application of vigorous sweeping brushstrokes and chance effects of dripping and spilling paint onto the canvas that, said Kaprow, "bordered on the ritual". Kaprow claimed that Pollock was less important for his paintings as material objects than for the kind of choreographic approach to painting that the artist instigated. It is clear that McCahon brought the 'choreography' of the happening experience back to Auckland with him. We sense this immediately in the installation of the Wake cycle of paintings, which were hung around four walls, and in the vigorous, unfettered style of the Northland paintings including the Northland Panels.

Northland (1958) is characterized by unruly marks — energetic and raw, the painted surface is intercalated as veils of thick brushstroke and drip, and paint is spattered as if in an attack. A mixture of painterly gesture and pure incident that both replicate and disfigure the land, this is a landscape emotionally evoked yet decidedly unpastoral (the blue slash of paint on top of the background hills sits peculiarly). In other parts of the composition we find gestures

of erasure and concealment: McCahon's gestural paint fails into hesitance where it runs out into the hardboard support in the lower centre of the painting; or in transparent areas where the paint is sufficiently thin so as to reveal the marks of geomorphology beneath. Is this a road or track that marches up the right-hand side of the composition? McCahon completed only a few paintings and a suite of drawings as a result of his post-US 'escape' north but they were to be crucial for his career. From this vital moment on his concern with the natural world, specifically landscape, would involve an extreme physicality. Living in Titirangi, and just prior to his visit to the US, McCahon had written that he was seeking, in his painting, to move "away from hysteria into order & value & reality ... Bach rather than Beethoven. Cézanne than Van Gogh". But, after four months in North America, it is clear that he had now left Cézanne behind him (perhaps forever) and was back again in the territory of hysteria and Van Gogh.

Laurence Simmons

Colin McCahon
Northland

oil on board (monocoat) in artist's original frame title inscribed, signed and dated 1958 and inscribed *No. 1* verso; original *The Gallery* label affixed verso 770 x 660mm

Illustrated: Gordon H. Brown, *Colin McCahon: Artist* (Auckland, 1993), colour plate 16.

Reference: Colin McCahon database (www.mccahon.co.nz) CMooo416
Provenance: Purchased by the current owner circa 1959 from The Gallery,
64 Symonds Street, Auckland;
Private collection. Auckland

\$140 000 - \$180 000





#### Milan Mrkusich

Milan Mrkusich is one of New Zealand's greatest realists. Wait a minute. Realist? Yes, Mrkusich is a more dedicated realist than any painter of portraits, landscapes, still lives or narratives. He paints facts, and he does not let emotions or impulses – and certainly not a good story – get in their way.

Achromatic II 1977 is a square made of board, and made of squares, made of lines and tones, made of layers of acrylic paint. There is no artful 'composition' as such, but a logical system. Mrkusich wanted something more universal, archetypal, than the capricious decisions or 'taste' of an individual. (Composition, in any case, is just the way a picture is put together.) This attitude can be detected in Mrkusich's paintings from at least the early 1960s, and it was in line with American modernist painting of the same period; Ad Reinhardt and Frank Stella similarly had no wish to 'express themselves' through compositional choices.

From 1968 until 1976 – the period preceding *Achromatic II* 1977 – Mrkusich used a single pictorial system for an extensive series of 'corner' paintings. Each painting had four small triangles pointing out the four corners of the square surface, emphasising its defining characteristics. The system was a 'given', within which chromatic and achromatic variations could be played out.

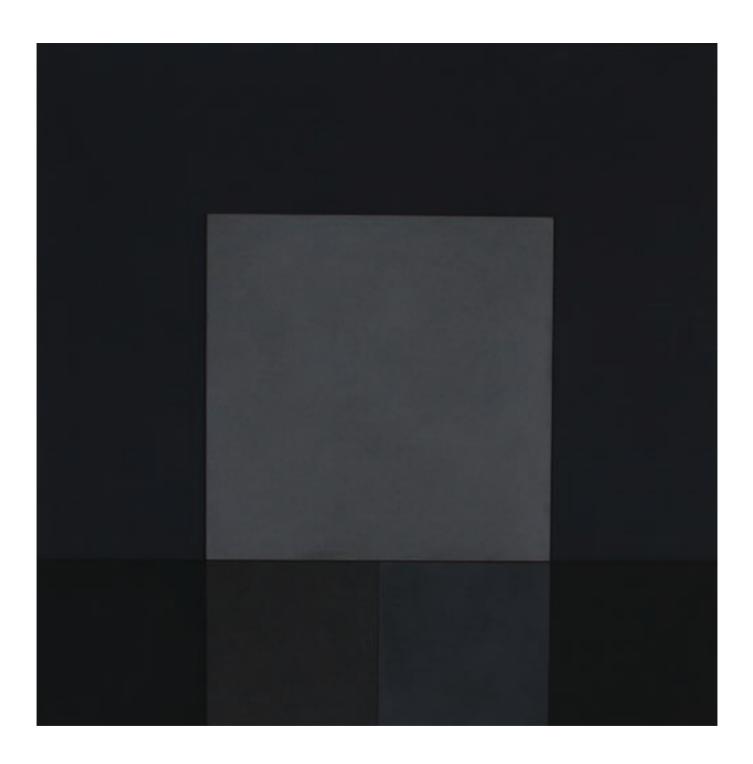
In Achromatic II 1977, a system of squares 'justifies' the size and shape of the painting. The painting has four equal sides. There are four squares lined along the base, each equivalent to one quarter the area of the larger pale square in the centre, which in turn is one quarter the size of the overall painting. One also tends to fill in an additional eight squares all around the central pale square (half the total area of the painting), though they are not drawn in. There is as much in the painting as there needs to be for the facts to be clear, and for the parts to make a whole. If this pictorial system expresses anything, it expresses quadruplicity!

There is, of course, the danger that dividing the painting into component parts like this will undermine, not safeguard, its wholeness. Here colour (or non-colour) enters the equation. Mrkusich establishes a sequence of greys, from the pale central square, to the 'medium' grey above and at the sides, to the dark grey squares at lower left and right, bracketing two squares containing intermediate stages of the progression. This simple order of achromatic tones is not unlike that found in *Achromatic Progression* 1991 (auctioned at Art+Object in July this year). Colours are facts, which Mrkusich coordinates and explores, but does not invent or arbitrarily arrange.

Mrkusich's statement, reported in a 1969 *Woman's Weekly*, urging those wanting only landscapes to 'take a drive in the country', has the character of a throwaway quip. In reality, it was profound. (I have found that a number of abstract painters talk like they paint, getting to the crux of an issue with a few well-chosen words.) A real landscape can be found in nature, not in a painting of nature. Abstract paintings, on the other hand, do not merely depict the real, they are self-evidently real. What they are, and what they represent, amounts to much the same thing. *Achromatic II* 1977 effectively represents all squares and all greys, with its neutral, pre-existing logic. Yet it is also very specific in terms of the quantity and quality of those achromatic shapes – a highly concentrated, distilled reality. I guess this is what we mean by 'fine art'.

**Edward Hanfling** 

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Milan Mrkusich
Achromatic II
acrylic on board
title inscribed, signed and dated 1977 verso
1200 x 1200mm
Provenance: Private collection, Christchurch
\$60 000 - \$80 000



#### Works from the Collection of Celia Dunlop

There are a lot of people who buy art from time to time. Very few become collectors.

- Peter McLeavey

The above words were written specifically in relation to Celia Dunlop. They laconically bespeak of the fine line between those with a casual interest in acquiring art and those few who for whom art acquires them, consuming and demanding an engagement beyond the rational act of merely decorating one's walls. Celia Dunlop was so consumed by contemporary New Zealand art that her collection swelled to 250 works by 121 artists, the vast majority of which were hung and displayed – floor to ceiling – in her Wellington villa. Her collection was recently exhibited and shared with the public in the brilliant exhibition 'Thrill Me Every Day': The Celia Dunlop Collection at the New Dowse in Lower Hutt from May through to September this year.

Barely twenty years old when she acquired her first artwork, a Joanna Margaret Paul, it was in the 1990s that her collection and eye really began to take shape, honed by a larger budget and the efflorescence of Maori and Pacific Contemporary art, jewellery and craft art. In Jill Trevelyan's wonderfully insightful essay in the beautifully produced accompanying publication 'Thrill Me Every Day' – The Celia Dunlop Collection, she provides a clue as to her tastes, writing: "She was drawn to texture and pattern – to richly worked surfaces and evidence of the maker's hand. Paintings rather than photographs, ceramics rather than glass, bone, stone and shell rather than highly polished gold and silver. She once remarked that she didn't like artworks to be 'too perfect'". Indeed,

in the sixteen works on offer from Celia Dunlop's collection in this catalogue, it is the mark of the artist's hand which is one of the defining characteristics: In the momentously textured surface of Philip Trusttum's *Bus Ticket*, the delicate but paradoxically rough-hewn diptych of the Michael Hight, and there again in the subtly-weathered surface of Valerie Neilson's *Centrifuge – Aspect 1*. Another lovely aspect of this collection is the fundamentally democratic manner in which it has been assembled, whereby prints and multiples are privileged no more than major paintings or sculptures. Celia Dunlop acquired the vast number of works in her collection for under \$2000 and we hope that the works offered in this catalogue serve as a reminder of how collecting art can enrich and sustain us and that to truly invest in art is to invest in humankind.

#### Ben Plumbly

#### Available for purchase

'Thrill Me Every Day': The Celia Dunlop Collection is a stunning book documenting an extraordinary art collection and celebrates both people and art. Also featured is a contextual essay by author and biographer Jill Trevelyan. The book was launched at the exhibition opening of the Celia Dunlop Collection at The New Dowse Gallery in Lower Hutt, May-Sept 2009. 10% of proceeds are being donated to the Mary Potter Hospice. Available for purchase at ART+OBJECT and www.thrillmeeveryday. co.nz

The Celia Dunlop Collection is Lots 84 – 99 in your catalogue.





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#### 84 Seraphine Pick

My Beautiful is Not Yours oil on canvasboard, triptych title inscribed, signed and dated '98 verso

150 x 100mm: each panel 150 x 300mm: overall

Illustrated: 'Thrill Me Everyday': The Celia Dunlop Collection (Wellington, 2009), p. 120.

\$3500 - \$5000

#### Seraphine Pick

Untitled No. 2 oil on canvasboard, diptych title inscribed, signed and dated 1998

150 x 100mm: each panel 150 x 200mm: overall

Illustrated: 'Thrill Me Everyday': The Celia Dunlop Collection (Wellington, 2009), p. 148.

\$2000 - \$3000

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#### Seraphine Pick

**Untitled** oil on canvasboard, diptych title inscribed, signed and dated 1998 150 x 100mm: each panel

150 x 200mm: overall \$2000-\$3000

#### **Jacqueline Fraser**

Jacqueline Fraser's work became well known to New Zealanders – even those who had little interest in art – with her 1998 installation *Te Ara a Hine*, a series of delicate threaded drapes and images, lining the walkway to the marae at Te Papa. Catching the attention of museum visitors making their way up the processional ramp, they formed an intriguing counterpoint to the marae, suggestive of Māori women's traditional role as weavers, and in this case providing a delicate contemporary complement to the robust masculinity of Cliff Whiting's innovative whare.

Fraser's successful career stretched back a decade and more before the opening of Te Papa, making her an obvious contender when two artists were selected to represent New Zealand for its inaugural exhibition at the 2001 Venice Biennale. There too her installation consisted of a series of wall pieces in alcoves framed by a succession of drapes. While intricate linear elements still spoke of Māori women's crafts, the drapes were sumptuous textiles of European origin, and the title of the work seemed designed for a postmodern international audience: A Demure Portrait of the Artist Strip Searched with 11 details of bi polar disorder. Text has become increasingly important - and intricate - in Fraser's work, and each image in the Biennale series, later available as independent pieces, is accompanied by a lengthy subtitle. For this one, it reads: The obscure artist sees the shamed boy peer down deep (remanded to reside as directed at the night shelter with a curfew between the hours of 8pm and 7am). To view that dark labotomy. «Otara, Cairns, Nairobi». As in the series title, the words are perfectly recognisable but oddly disconnected, dysfunctional even, evoking social dislocation in syntax as well as significance. That retribution follows problems of behaviour or mental health is implied but uncertain, and the mix of geographical locations that acts as a brief epilogue to each title infers universal disjunction, a suitably global statement for a Biennale.

The artist protagonist is presumably a self portrait, tall and elegant in veiled hat, high heels and narrow skirt with brocade and tulle overlays. But she is thrown off balance (literally) by the intrusive male head the hovers over her, the sharp brim of his hat a surrogate for the masked direction of his gaze. The images are fashioned from wire, three-dimensional drawings mounted directly on the wall. Although close against the surface, they cast subtle shadows that remind some of Asian shadow puppets, although their linearity is perhaps more closely related to children's string games. They are reminiscent too of Alexander Calder's witty wire portraits and his circus figures who also wore clothing fashioned out of scraps of cloth and acted out narratives.

A different tale with a New Zealand emphasis is told in A long view of our most beloved saviour from below (with rata trees remembered) which Fraser made in 1998, again as part of a series, The Benediction of Goat Island Our Saviour. Again it is constituted of fragments in intriguing combinations. Here a fine fabric square carries the red rata flower of the title, and a wire-drawn figure wearing an elaborate bustled skirt and long chiffon veil carries a plant frond ceremoniously towards a small image of Goat Island - the site of the Māori pa Mapoutahi, which had been returned to Ngai Tahu by the Crown the previous year. A ceremonial solemnity is supplied by the spiked circle over the woman's head that could be a radiant halo, and by the sumptuous chiffon framing the island that suggests a canopied altar. Or is she (and we) looking at a landscape view through a curtained window? The appeal of Fraser's alluring, if sometimes sinister, images lies in their evocative ambiguity.

Elizabeth Rankin

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#### Jacqueline Fraser

The Benediction of Goat Island our Saviour: A long view of our most beloved saviour from below (with rata trees remembered). No 11 French moire organza, Italian organza and plastic covered wire, 1998 title inscribed, signed and dated April 1998 on accompanying artist's installation sheet 1650 x 2200 x 125 mm: installation size

Exhibited: 'The Benediction of Goat Island our Saviour', Sue Crockford Gallery, Auckland, April 7 – April 24, 1998 Illustrated: 'Thrill Me Everyday': The Celia Dunlop Collection (Wellington, 2009), p. 220.

\$35 000 - \$50 000





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#### Jacqueline Fraser

The obscure artist sees the shamed boy peer down deep (remanded to reside as directed at the night shelter with a curfew between the hours of 8 p.m. and 7 a.m.). To view that lobotomy. Otara, Cairns, Nairobi.

Tulle netting, French brocade, İtalian sequin organza, braid, black satin ribbon, plastic covered wire, Venetian Rubelli brocade, French calque paper text, 2001

title inscribed, signed and dated February 2001 on accompanying artist's installation sheet 2350 x 840 x 190 mm: installation size

Exhibited: 'A Demure Portrait of the Artist Strip Searched «with 11 details of bi polar disorder» (under construction)', Roslyn Oxleyg Gallery, Sydney, 2001

Illustrated: 'Thrill Me Everyday': The Celia Dunlop Collection (Wellington, 2009), p. 220.

\$28 000 - \$40 000





















#### 89 Robyn Kahukiwa

My Tapu Head colour lithograph, 41/49 title inscribed, signed and dated '90 349 x 532mm

Illustrated: 'Thrill Me Everyday': The Celia Dunlop Collection (Wellington, 2009), p. 218.

\$1000 - \$2000

# 90 John Pule Pulenoa lithographs, triptych, 5/8 title inscribed, signed and dated 1995 750 x 550mm: each panel 750 x 1650mm: overall \$6000 - \$9000

#### Andrew McLeod

Red, Green, Blue, Abstraction oil on canvas, 5 panels signed and dated 2000 250 – 272 x 200 – 205mm: each panel 272 x 1025mm: overall

Illustrated: 'Thrill Me Everyday': The Celia Dunlop Collection (Wellington, 2009), pp. 38 – 39.

\$7000 - \$12 000







### 92 **Philip Trusttum**

Bus Ticket acrylic on unstretched canvas variously inscribed 1900 x 3480mm

Illustrated: 'Thrill Me Everyday': The Celia Dunlop Collection (Wellington, 2009), p. 90.

\$13 000 - \$20 000

#### Michael Smither

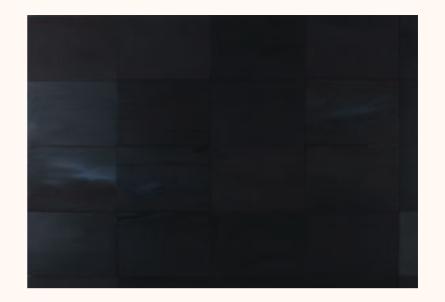
Portrait of Rachel in Brown Felt Hat oil on board signed with artist's initials M. D. S and dated '84 410 x 545mm

Illustrated: 'Thrill Me Everyday': The Celia Dunlop Collection (Wellington, 2009), p. 100.

\$18 000 - \$26 000











#### 94 John Walsh

Koha oil on panel title inscribed, signed and dated '98

299 x 420 x 53mm

Illustrated: 'Thrill Me Everyday': The Celia Dunlop Collection (Wellington, 2009), p. 100.

\$4800-\$6500

#### Valerie Nielson

Centrifuge - Aspect 1

oil on twenty five panels, 1997 985 x 1400

Illustrated: 'Thrill Me Everyday': The Celia Dunlop Collection (Wellington, 2009), p. 74.

\$1800 - \$3000

#### Michael Hight

Eurasia (after Beuys)

oil and oilstick on canvas and blackboard paint on customwood,

resin and ash

title inscribed, signed and dated 1996

each panel verso

948 x 825 x 36 mm: each panel

948 x 1650 x 36mm: overall

Illustrated: 'Thrill Me Everyday': The Celia Dunlop Collection (Wellington, 2009), p. 148.

\$8000-\$12 000







#### Peter McIntyre

The Grounds of Parliament, with Balance Memorial, looking towards Molesworth Street watercolour and ink on paper signed

Illustrated: 'Thrill Me Everyday': The Celia Dunlop Collection (Wellington, 2009), p. 194.

565 x 680mm \$4000 - \$6000

#### 98 Toss Woollaston

Portrait of Jeremy Classen watercolour and pencil on paper signed 350 x 268mm

Illustrated: 'Thrill Me Everyday': The Celia Dunlop Collection (Wellington, 2009), p. 214.

\$4000-\$6000

#### Suzanne Tamaki

Mother Wakα shells and dyed natural fibre artist's original labels affixed verso 595 x 435mm

Illustrated: 'Thrill Me Everyday': The Celia Dunlop Collection (Wellington, 2009), p. 211.

\$900-\$1400





Michael Smither
Still Life with Grapefruit
oil on board
signed with artist's initials M. D. S and
dated '67
455 x 555mm
\$30 000 - \$40 000





101
Shane Cotton
Miro
acrylic on linen
title inscribed, signed and dated 2002;
title inscribed, signed and dated verso
708 x 1065mm
\$30 000 - \$40 000



# 102 Shane Cotton Powder Garden acrylic on linen title inscribed, signed and dated 2002; title inscribed, signed and dated verso 708 x 1065mm \$30 000 - \$40 000

#### **Dick Frizzell**

Year in year out they worked while the pines grew overhead and Quardle oodle ardle wardle doodle The magpies said

The third stanza from Denis Glover's epic 1964 verse poem 'The Magpies' contains the genesis for Dick Frizzell's 'Back to the Future' reworking of the regionalist landscape.

Immediately prior to painting *This is no Shadowland* Frizzell had created a suite of illustrations for 'The Magpies' book published in 1987. This examination of the reality of a hard life on the land became an artistic fork in the road for the then celebrated 'New Image' artist.

Glover's New Zealand Gothic classic charts the ultimate demise of a depression era farming couple. Frizzell's 'Bad Landscapes' as he describes them, painted in a clunky 'peasant style' revealed the glorious New Zealand countryside not as a sublime object of scenic splendour as was the convention in the 19th century nor even as the locus of bucolic beauty – as popularized in the 1950s and 60s in the heyday of the annual Kelliher art awards. Rather, Frizzell pictorializes the landscape as a battlefield of human endeavour. In the real countryside the artist is positing, you'll find not poets seeking inspiration for rhyming couplets but loggers felling pine trees and cows up to their haunches in muddy bogs. Our beloved landscape is in reality a patchwork of roads, sheds, paddocks, fences and stumps.

In a work such as *This is no Shadow Land* from 1987 we see a scene devoid of humans but evidence at every turn off of activity and industry. Another painting from 1987 *Milling* displays a vast vista of land within which quite literally every square inch is devoted to the business of commercial forestry. Other images constitute a travelogue of the rural vernacular: petrol stations; bog-standard country roads; signs & roadmarkings and the ever-present erosion that demarcates the provinces.

When exhibited these works sparked an instant reaction: howls from the critics but popular acclaim from buyers. Frizzell entered his 'Bad Landscapes' into a raft of regional art prizes and cleaned up. In 1987 he won the Goodman Suter Award in Nelson, the Wanganui Art Award, The Taumaranui Art Award and the Birkenhead Arts Council Art Award.

Popular success was in stark contrast to critical response which pilloried the work as low brow and as a deliberate move to avoid the all important post-modernist discourse of the day. One critic even accused Frizzell of 'literally hiding in the hills.'

The reason these works have endured and have grown in popularity is simply because they operate on so many levels. The lack of seriousness that critics tried to pin on the works is belied in this case by the title – *Shadowlands* being a reference to author C S Lewis' painful evocation of grief and loss. Frizzell here is asserting an admiration for those that possess the resilience to weather a life on the land.

These works function on the level of polemic – Frizzell collapses the divide between high and low art and poleaxes the cultural elitism that threatens to suffocate cultural debate at regular intervals. These works are quite literally the roadmaps that point the way to his celebrated *Tiki* works of early 1990s which set the scene for a whole generation of artists to pick up the cross-cultural ball and run like hell from the mid 1990s to the current day.

Ultimately they are fabulous paintings. The verve of the paint application and the joy of an artist toiling away to great effect, reveling in the business end of the brush, leaps off the canvas as it describes a slice of tarseal or a rolling valley – this celebration of painterly invention makes a Frizzell landscape immensely watchable.

You could say that there is gold in them thar hills!

Hamish Coney

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Dick Frizzell

This is no Shadowland

oil on canvas title inscribed, signed and dated 1/5/87 1455 x 1653mm

Illustrated: Dick Frizzell, *Dick Frizzell – The Painter* (Auckland, 2009), p. 150. Provenance: Private collection, Auckland.

\$45 000 - \$65 000



#### A. Lois White

This important work from A. Lois White's early maturity is listed as 'untraced' in Nicola Green's excellent 1993 book on the painter,¹ and it is exciting to see it come to light.

The unassuming title of Decorative panel actually has a bit of a sting in its tail. White's debut as a figure painter was made in 1933 when she exhibited her great Persephone's Return to Demeter (Dunedin Public Art Gallery) in Auckland and Wellington. While the Persephone work was well received and reviewed, it was frequently described as 'decorative' by critics and there are indications that White was unhappy with her work being labelled as merely 'decorative'. The self-deprecating title of Decorative panel, her next critical success, gives a clue to strong conflicts and contradictions in her nature as an exhibiting artist. One feels that the work should properly be called 'Bathers', proudly acknowledging its roots in one of Art's most illustrious tradition, whose famous exponents include Poussin, Rembrandt, Cézanne, Picasso, Matisse, And vet despite. or possibly because, of its unobtrusive title, Decorative panel did attract considerable attention and acclaim in the press when it was exhibited in Auckland and Wellington in 1934. The New Zealand Herald, tellingly, noted that the work was 'more successful, if less ambitious', than the Persephone work shown by White the previous year. The Auckland Star called Decorative panel 'the only nude in oils worthy of mention'. Nicola Green notes wryly that neither paper mentioned that one of the women was engaged in drying the buttocks of her female companion! Perhaps Lois White cunningly realised that the key to success in the New Zealand art world was not to advertise your talents too stridently. This cautious approach to public life certainly would have been in keeping with the artist's rather repressed Methodist upbringing in suburban Mt Albert.

To examine this deceptively simple work at close range is to discover another feature of White's paradoxical practice as a painter: the wild, unbridled underpainting beneath her surface imagery. Leaving aside matters of style and taste for a moment, and focussing solely on brushstrokes, or what musicians call 'attack', we can see that the brush strokes that form the image and surface of the work are meticulous, dabbing, almost prim and proper. But the underpainting, those layers of paint that form the heavy substructure onto which the surface of the image is applied. is savage, unfettered, and certain. The latent strength of White's paintings is due to the skill with which she grafts her diaphanous image-bearing surfaces on to the monstrous bone-structure of underpainting below. In this way A. Lois White's lust for life appears not only in the delight which she lavishes on details of beautiful bodies, but deep within the physical nature of her works, where her own physicality and sheer libido are given full reign.

Oliver Stead

Nicola Green, By the Waters of Babylon: The art of A. Lois White. Auckland, Auckland City Art Gallery and David Bateman, 1993, pp. 25-27.



A. Lois White

Decorative Panel
oil on canvas, circa 1934
certificate of authenticity signed by Alison Disbrowe and dated 27-11-95
affixed verso; original John Leech Gallery label affixed verso
645 x 500mm
Provenance: Collection of the artist; Private collection, Auckland
\$35 000 - \$50 000







105
Milan Mrkusich
Monotype (Heαd)
monotype signed with artist's initial M, dated '61
and inscribed No. 36
360 x 268mm
\$9000 - \$15 000

106
Milan Mrkusich
Gouache No. 11
gouache on paper
signed and dated '61 and inscribed
No. 11
375 x 275mm
\$10 000 - \$16 000

107 Milan Mrkusich Watercolour No. 61 - 48 watercolour signed and dated '61 inscribed No. 48 375 x 275mm \$18 000 - \$26 000







108
Ralph Hotere
Black Rainbow
oilstick and pastel on paper
title inscribed, signed and dated
Carey's Bay '91
634 x 495mm
\$25 000 - \$35 000

Allen Maddox
Untitled
oil on canvas
signed with artist's initials A. M and
dated 3. 76 and inscribed No. 62
1660 x 1400mm
Provenance: Private collection,
Auckland
\$15 000 - \$25 000

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#### 110 Max Gimblett Green/Red

acrylic polymer on shaped canvas title inscribed, signed and dated 1986 verso 765mm diameter quatrefoil \$11 000 - \$16 000

## Tony de Lautour X

acrylic and oil on canvas signed and dated 2003 915 x 915mm \$14 000 - \$20 000







## Philip Trusttum Garden Series (Orange/Red/Yellow)

oil on board signed with artist's initials *P. S. T* and dated '74 1370 x 1175mm Provenance: Private collection, Sydney \$15 000 - \$25 000

#### 113 Rita Angus A View of the Central Otago Hills

watercolour original National Gallery, Wellington loan label affixed verso 105 x 324mm Provenance: Private collection, South Island \$12 000 - \$18 000





114 Tony de Lautour E. S. P acrylic on canvas title inscribed, signed and dated 2008 996 x 800mm \$9000 - \$14 000

115 Dick Frizzell Compost Bucket and Cat Plate oil on board

title inscribed, signed and dated 2/2/87 630 x 970mm

Exhibited: 'Dick Frizzell - Portrait of a Serious Artiste', City Gallery Wellington (touring), 15 March – 25 May, 1997. Illustrated: Allan Smith (ed), *Dick Frizzell – Portrait of a Serious Artiste* 

(Wellington, 1997)

\$17 000 - \$25 000



116
Pat Hanly
Pure Painting No. 7
enamel and oil on board
title inscribed, signed and dated '76
and inscribed Joy; original Hanly label
affixed verso
910 x 910mm
\$28 000 - \$40 000





Ann Robinson
Generation Bowl
cast glass
signed and dated '94
195 x 395 x 395mm
\$25 000 - \$35 000



# Andrew McLeod Rainbow Apple Tree oil and graphite on canvas signed and inscribed SPRING HOUSE 1350 x 1695mm \$15 000 - \$20 000







119
Dick Frizzell
Big Ukulele
oil on skateboard deck
title inscribed, signed and dated 7/7/83
622 x 251x 12mm
\$2000 - \$3000

120 Niki Hastings-McFall **Red Moana** 

diamond grade reflective road sign and vinyl on acrylic, 28 panels title inscribed, signed and dated 1968 verso

2400 x 4200mm

Exhibited: 'The Trouble with the Weather: a southern response', UTS: Gallery, Sydney, July 4 – August 3, 2007.

Exhibited: 'Le Folauga, the past coming forward: Contemporary Pacific Art from Aotearoa New Zealand', Kaohsiung Museum of Fine Arts, Taiwan, December 13 – April 5, 2008 – 2009. Illustrated: Jacqueline Bosscher et al., *The Trouble with the Weather: a southern response* (Sydney, 2007) Illustrated: Tseng Fangling (ed), *Le Folauga, the past coming forward: Contemporary Pacific Art from Aotearoa New Zealand* (Taiwan, 2009), p 32 – 33.

Provenance: Private collection, Auckland \$4000 - \$7000



Gordon Walters
No.III
acrylic and pencil on paper
title inscribed, signed and dated
24-5-85
527 × 373mm
\$14 000 - \$20 000





122
Star Gossage
Hoki Mai
oil on canvas
title inscribed, signed and dated Pakiri
2005 verso
1520 x 1010mm
\$10 000 - \$15 000

Louise Henderson
Nightfall
oil on board
signed; title inscribed, signed and
dated 1967 and inscribed No. 19, Hour
Series
908 x 1363mm
\$8500 - \$12 500













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\$1800 - \$2800

Patrick Pound
The Hermitage
mixed media collage
365 x 210mm
\$1100 - \$1600





Rose Nolan Its Not Good to Have Little To Say screenprint, edition of 5 (2002) 745 x 575mm

Exhibited: 'Rose Nolan and Marco

Fusinato', Gus Fisher Gallery, Auckland, 25 October - 14 December 2002

: 'SUPERGROUP', Hamish McKay Gallery, Wellington, October 2002. 127 **Pos** 

Rose Nolan
Its Not Good To Have Little To Say
(White Version)

screenprint, edition of 5 (2002) 745 x 575mm

Exhibited: Rose Nolan and Marco

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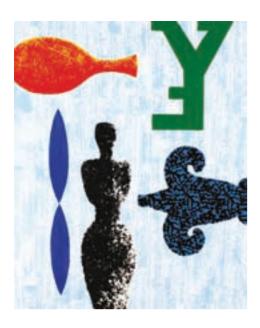
: 'SUPERGROUP', Hamish McKay Gallery, Wellington, October 2002.

\$1800 - \$2800

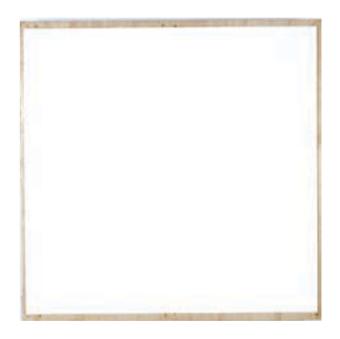
128 John Reynolds Untitled - 34

Untitled - 34
oilstick on screenprinted paper
title inscribed, signed and dated 2001
690 x 495mm
\$1200 - \$2000

129
John Reynolds
Untitled - 33
oilstick on screenprinted paper
title inscribed, signed and dated 2001
690 x 495mm
\$1200 - \$2000







# 130 Gavin Chilcott Ideal Standard Forms acrylic on canvas title inscribed, signed and dated 2005 verso 900 x 745mm \$5500 - \$7500

131
Leigh Martin
Untitled
acrylic on canvas
title inscribed, signed and dated 1997
verso
1012 x 1012mm
\$3000 - \$5000

Noel Ivanoff
Contact II
acrylic on board mounted to wooden
pallet
title inscribed, signed and dated 2006
verso
1050 x 1050 x 122mm
\$3000 - \$5000







Peter Siddell
Untitled
oil on board
signed and dated 1974
590 x 690mm
\$22 000 - \$30 000

Peter Siddell
Rowney Cryla
oil on board
signed and dated 1976
390 x 285mm
\$6000 - \$9000















135
Brent Wong
Clouds
oil on canvas on board
title inscribed, signed and dated 2004
404 x 269mm
\$8000 - \$12 000

136
Seraphine Pick
Some Sensation
oil on canvasboard, 5 panels
signed and dated '98; title inscribed,
signed and dated verso
180 x 120mm: each panel
180 x 600mm: overall
\$7000 - \$10 000







#### 137 Toss Woollaston *Wayne*

watercolor in artist's original frame and mount signed; title inscribed and signed verso; original purchase receipt signed by the artist affixed verso 395 x 315mm Provenance: Purchased by the current owner from the artist in 1971; Private collection, Auckland \$4500 - \$6500

#### 138 Margaret Stoddart Waipara River

watercolour signed; original Ritchies Fine Arts label affixed verso 240 x 340mm \$8000 - \$1200

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from our Previous Sale, Important Paintings including The Odyssey Group Collection (July 30th)



Shane Cotton
Wake
oil on canvas, 1995
\$205,000
\*a record price for the artist at auction



Jude Rae
Nexus II
oil on canvas, 1994
\$34 875
\*a record price for the artist at auction



Terry Stringer The Source cast bronze, 2001 \$21 375



John Pule
Nofotatu Moru Tukulagi
ink and acrylic on unstretched canvas
\$50 625



Peter Robinson
Us and Them
acrylic and oilstick on paper, 2002
\$20 250



Richard Killeen Know This Place acrylic and collage on 31 pieces, 1993 \$41 625



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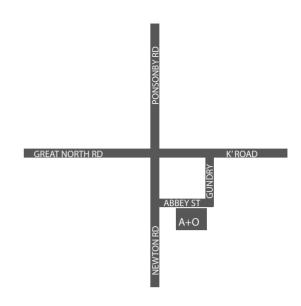
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diamond grade reflective road sign and vinyl on acrylic, 28 panels
title inscribed, signed and dated 1968
verso
2400 x 4200mm

\$4000-\$7000



