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Auction from 1pm Saturday 15 September
3 Abbey Street, Newton, Auckland.

Note: Intending bidders are asked to turn to page 14 for viewing times and auction timing.

The Bev & Murray Gow Collection

Thoughts on the Bev & Murray Gow Collection from John Gow and Ben Plumbly

I remember vividly when I was twelve years old, hopping in the car with Dad, heading down the dusty rural Te Miro Road to Cambridge to meet the train from Auckland. There was a special package on this train, a painting that my parents had bought and I recall the ceremony of unwrapping and Mum and Dad's obvious delight, but being completely perplexed by this 'artwork'. Now I look at the Woollaston watercolour and think how farsighted they were.

Dad's love of art was fostered at Auckland University through meeting Diane McKegg (nee Henderson), the daughter of Louise Henderson. As a student he subsequently bought his first painting from Louise, an oil on paper, *Rooftops Newmarket*.

After marrying Beverley South, their mutual interest in the arts ensured the collection's growth. They visited exhibitions in the Waikato and Auckland and because Mother was a soprano soloist, and a member of the Hamilton Civic Choir, concert trips to Auckland, Tauranga, New Plymouth, Gisborne and other centres were involved. They were both keen gardeners, Dad potted and painted - our farming world was surrounded by creativity. At least once a year we were taken to the thriving Auckland metropolis, bewildering for a young country boy, as we accompanied our parents around galleries and museums. We usually returned home with a purchase.

In 1977, Father heard through Bill Hart, that the John Leech gallery was for sale and according to my mother, 'in a moment of menopausal madness, Dad sold the farm' and they became co-owners of the gallery. After Allan Swinton had sold the gallery in 1975, patronage had decreased, exhibitions were spasmodic and staff numbers had reduced dramatically. Exhibition programs were now reinstated, staff rehired and energy was slowly breathed back into the business. Over the years Bev and Murray worked tirelessly in the gallery, my sister Di worked there, my brother Doug now co-owns the John Leech Framing Workshop, my great aunt, 'Aunty Mu' was an eloquent addition and my 'Poppa South' helped at openings, talking, serving wine and 'doing dishes'. After returning from my O.E. in 1981, I came to work for a few weeks and never left.

The collection being offered at Art+Object is a culmination of works bought to support artists, to be part of my parents' collection and to be part of the John Leech collection. In 1997 my parents sold the gallery name and chattels to Gary Langsford and myself. They did not sell the vast body of work collected over the years during their time of ownership. This collection has subsequently been in storage with some works sold through the gallery, but much has been retained. As Gary and I make plans to relocate our storage, we thought it time to ask Mum and Dad about their future plans. It was over a lunch with Ben Plumbly that the idea of one large auction was floated and with a lot of hard work by the team at A+O, we find ourselves here today, catalogue in hand, containing a vast array of New Zealand art, covering the greater span of New Zealand's visual history.

John Gow
Director of John Leech Gallery and Gow Langsford Gallery



Bev and Murray Gow
in their Orakei home
in front of their beloved
van der Velden oil
on canvas.



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A recent portrait
of Bev Gow by
Richard McWhannell
(detail)

Bev & Murray Gow – A lifetime of collecting

The thing that has always really fascinated me about art is the manner in which people engage and interact with it in their own space. How do people really look at art when no one is around? One of the most pleasant aspects of my job is the occasional insight granted into people's homes and into their collections. For me the sight of an artwork in someone's private environment is far more interesting than when it is housed within the sacred domain of the dealer or public gallery, perfectly positioned and best-dressed for both contemplation and consumption.

The opportunity to spend time with Bev and Murray Gow and their collection was therefore quite an experience. All manner of art exists harmoniously in their Orakei home, in a most relaxed and unrarified manner: Bev and Murray have a Louise Henderson in their bathroom, perhaps the finest Hotere window painting I've yet set eyes on in their hallway, and one of van der Velden's true masterpieces above their dining room table... yet such important national treasures somehow exist in their house as comfortably and as naturally as the fridge, the television or their piano; as part of the fabric of their daily lives.

Locked away in the heart of industrial Newton in the treasure trove which is the John Leech/Gow Langsford storeroom, exists a not quite so well-loved bunch of pictures; the stock which they purchased whilst Directors of John Leech Gallery. This stock constitutes the majority of what is contained in this catalogue and although it was bought with a much different purpose in mind, it no less serves to reveal much about its custodians as well as about our collective bi-cultural history.

Beginning with some of this country's earliest representations of Maori by Pakeha artists such as Joseph Jenner Merrett and Colonel Robert Henry Wynyard and ending with Dick Frizzell's typically cheeky *A Bit of Miro, A Bit of Maori*. It pauses richly in numerous places between, lingering in a tell-tale fashion at certain places for longer than others: print-makers of the fifties; women artists including their favourite and the place in which I sense it all began – Louise Henderson; the neo-primitivism of Schoon and Knight-Turner; and the streets of Auckland itself.



18

Theo Schoon

Boy with Paddles
gelatin silver print
390 x 270mm
\$1800 - \$2800



47

Artist Unknown

Waterfall
oil on board
signed with artist's initials N.A.C.
730 x 530mm
\$150 - \$300

I've found myself lingering too, in peculiar places where normally I probably wouldn't hangout: the so-bad-its-good naïve painting of the waterfall by the artist known only as N.A.C (lot 47 in this catalogue), the beautiful photograph by Theo Schoon of a young Maori boy proudly displaying his cultural heritage (lot 18) and in the intriguing milieu of Russell Clark's Maori Study *Blue Denims*, *White Horse*, (lot 262).

I hope you enjoy this collection as much as I have. The extended viewing is designed to grant ample time and encourage repeat viewings for all to come and seek out their own unexpected gems. Finally, I would like to finish by thanking Bev, Murray and their son John for entrusting ART+OBJECT with the sale of such an important and personal collection.

Ben Plumbly
Director of Art, Art+Object.



262

Russell Clark

Maori Studies (Blue Denims, White Horse)
ink, wash and graphite on paper
inscribed *Blue Denims* and *White Horse*
265 x 355mm
\$2000 - \$4000

2007 Sale Highlights



Michael Parekowhai
Tua Iwa from Patriot: Ten Guitars
 inlaid exotic, native timbers
 and paua shell, 1999
sold for \$35 000



Pre-European waka huia
 stone tool carved
 Tai Tokerau style
sold for \$31 000



Theo Schoon
Waiotapu Mud Pool Study
 cibachrome photograph
 1967 – 1982
sold for \$4250



Ronnie van Hout
Describing Painting to Theo Schoon
 painted plastic, 1999
sold for \$9000



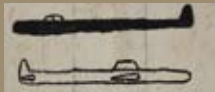
Pre-European hei tiki
 Auhunga variety pounamu
sold for \$6750



Michael Parekowhai
Craig Keller
 type C print, 2001
sold for \$10 000



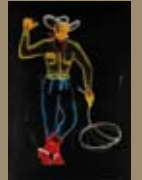
Peter Robinson
Untitled
 oil, bitumen and
 mixed media on paper
sold for \$18 500



Dick Frizzell
The Metaphysical Cheese
 enamel on board, 1977
sold for \$29 000



Paul Hartigan
The Kean's Cowboy
 unique hand-coloured
 photograph
sold for \$6500



Bill Hammond
Watching for Buller
 Acrylic on canvas,
 1994
sold for \$40 000



Bill Hammond
Sing Writer
 ink, acrylic and graphite
 on paper, 2001
sold for \$80 000



Folke Ohlsson & Alf Svensson
 for Dux three seater
 sofa, c. 1950s
sold for \$3400



Ricky Swallow
Blanket Shark
 blankets, plaster
 wire and glue, 1997
sold for \$38 000



Milan Mrkusich
Painting Dark III
 acrylic on canvas, 1971
sold for \$100 000



Piero Fornasetti
 sunburst side chair
sold for \$3050



Stephen Bambury
Here I give Thanks (Chakra)
 acrylic, resin and graphite
 on 7 aluminium panels, 2001
sold for \$47 500



Ann Robinson
Nikau Vase
 amber green cast glass, 2004
sold for \$30 000



Ron Arad for Driade Aleph
 Fly Ply table, 1993
sold for \$9000



Ann Robinson
Te Rito Pod Bowl
 45% crystal glass
sold for \$31 000



Michael Illingworth
Portrait of a Flower
 oil on canvas, 1968
sold for \$115 000



Rolling Stones
 tour poster
 original from New Zealand
 tour 1973
sold for \$4000



John Edgar
Code
 granite and marble
sold for \$7000



Pat Hanly
Yellow Model
 enamel on board, 1978
sold for \$30 000



Jae Hoon Lee
A New Farm
 digital print, 2005
sold for \$4500



Len Castle and Theo Schoon
 fired earthenware
 tablets, c. 1984
sold for \$6100



Ann Shelton
Puke Ariki
 #4 Frederick B Butler Collection
 type C photographic print
sold for \$4000



*Note: prices indicated do not include
 buyers premium of 12.5%*





Shane Cotton

Shooter and Silvereye

oil on canvas

title inscribed, signed
and dated 2002

1400 x 1400mm

\$80 000 - \$100 000

Contemporary Art+Objects

4 October 2007

Final entries invited until 11 September

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maven



Ian Scott

Don Binney at Te Henga

signed and dated 1969

oil on board

1440 x 2200mm

\$40 000 - \$50 000

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Thursday 22 November

Entries invited until 19 October

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or Hamish Coney, hamish@artandobject.co.nz +64 9 354 4646 mob 021 509 550



Billy Apple
Rainbow with Waterfall
plexiglass and acrylic,
1965
575 x 380 x 365mm
\$45 000 - \$65 000

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Auction Registration: All intending bidders at the auction must register prior to the auction and are requested to do this if possible prior to the auction date itself. Registration cards and bidding numbers are obtained at the reception of ART+OBJECT. Conditions of sale are printed on page 122 of this catalogue. Prospective bidders are requested to read these prior to the auction date.

Absentee Bidding: Intending bidders who cannot attend the auction are able to bid by phone or by lodging an absentee bid. ART+OBJECT requires written instructions from phone and absentee bidders. Please turn to page 123 and complete the phone and/or absentee bidding form.

Auction Timing: It is anticipated that the auction will be paced at approximately 70 lots per hour. Based on this approximate pace the catalogue sections and lots will be auctioned at or near the times outlined below.

Commencing at 1pm

Section one: 19th and 20th Century New Zealand Photography	lots 1 to 21
Section two: 19th Century Prints	lots 22 to 33
Section three: Cartographica, Historical Oddities and Naïve Art	lots 34 to 49
Section four: 19th Century NZ and International Pictures	lots 50 to 81

Commencing at 2.15 pm approximately

Section five: The Art of Portraiture and the Human Figure	lots 82 to 96
Section six: Auckland and Environs; Tamaki Makau Rau	lots 97 to 117
Section seven: The Changing Land	lots 118 to 160

Commencing at 3.30 pm approximately

Section eight: The Artist as Printmaker	lots 161 to 192
Section nine: Ethnographica	lots 193 to 202
Section ten: The Search for a Local Modernism	lots 203 to 256

Commencing at 5pm approximately

Section eleven: Important 19th and 20th Century Pictures	lots 257 to 287
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Note to timing: Every attempt will be made to auction according to the schedule outlined above however these times are not guaranteed and there are many variables during an auction. Bidders are requested to ensure they arrive at least 30 minutes prior to their chosen section being offered.

EXHIBITION VIEWING

Opening event Thursday 6 September from 6pm - 8pm

Friday	7 September	9am	–	5pm
Saturday	8 September	11am	–	4pm
Sunday	9 September	11am	–	4pm
Monday	10 September	9am	–	5pm
Tuesday	11 September	9am	–	5pm
Wednesday	12 September	9am	–	5pm
Thursday	13 September	9am	–	5pm
Friday	14 September	9am	–	12noon

Friday afternoon sale preparation

Saturday 15 September, selected viewing from 10am

Why is it that a small and loyal few get so incredibly excited about New Zealand photography? One of the key reasons, I believe, is that in this country photography affords new collectors the opportunity to buy and collect something truly special at a budget which is insignificant in comparison to other areas of the visual arts. The 'Nineteenth and Twentieth Century New Zealand Photography' component of the Bev and Murray Gow Collection stands as testament to such a philosophy.

Although short in length it features several superb and historically important New Zealand photographs which will appeal to those of us on a budget. Another reason why photography seems so especially pertinent to New Zealanders, is that it has evolved as we've evolved as a country. Arriving with the settlers in the middle of the nineteenth century, New Zealand photography often seems so vigorous and rewarding by virtue of our harsh clear light and by the innate beauty of our natural environment.

Photographers in this country have always been inspired by the geo-thermal region of the central North Island. Early practitioners such as Charles Spencer and Josiah Martin produced numerous depictions of this ever-changing environment and most importantly provide us with a precious visual history of the Pink and White Terraces prior to the 1886 eruption of Mount Tarawera.

Theo Schoon was an artist similarly drawn to the region, some 75 years after Spencer, Martin and company. Schoon is one of the most important figures in New Zealand art history, responsible for introducing a style of international modernism which took its cue from a greater interest in indigenous art. He was drawn to the Rotorua region for both its rich Maori heritage and for his interest in investigating the formal complexities of the mud pools.

The most contemporary photograph in the collection is Peter Peryer's *Engine Leaving Glen Innes Tunnel* (1992). Peryer is one of this country's leading contemporary artists and has exhibited extensively locally and internationally. *Engine Leaving Glen Innes Tunnel* is classic Peryer in the way in which it tests our faculties, creating uncertainty as to whether we are observing an image of a real train or a model of one.

Ben Plumbly



1 | **Artist Unknown**
Maori Women
 albumen print
 150 x 205mm
\$200 - \$400

3 | **Charles Spencer**
Cold Water Basin: White Terrace No. 15
 carbon photographic print
 title inscribed and signed
 350 x 470mm
\$200 - \$400

5 | **Whites Aviation**
Coastal View
 hand-coloured photograph
 signed
 390 x 490mm
\$70 - \$90

2 | **Guy Morris**
A Heavy Road, Winter Time Up Country
 albumen print
 title inscribed and signed
 135 x 195mm
\$200 - \$400

4 | **Whites Aviation**
Mt Taranaki
 hand-coloured photograph
 signed
 395 x 495mm
\$100 - \$200

6 | **Josiah Martin**
Milk Pool, Waiotapu
 albumen print,
 title inscribed, signed with artist's
 initials J.M.
 145 x 200mm
\$500 - \$1000



7 |

Brian Brake

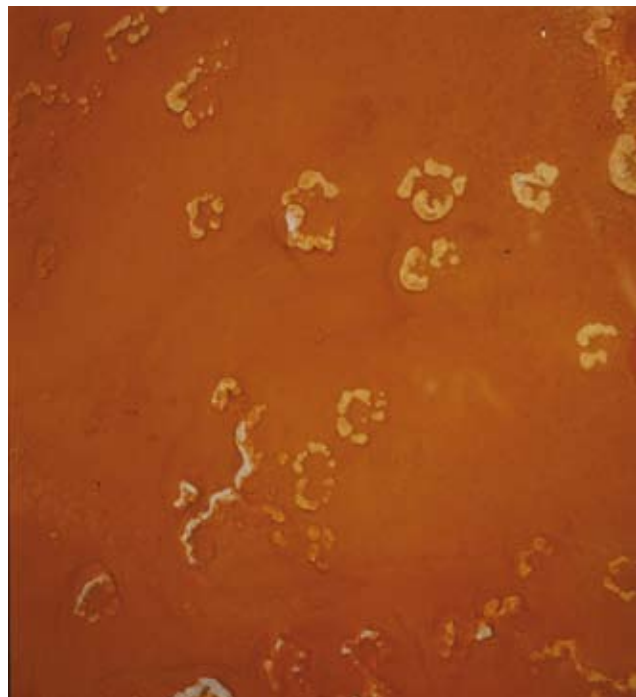
Canoe Prow: Doubtless Bay, Northland, 16th Century
 colour photograph
 original *Tangata*: property of the New Zealand
 Ministry of Foreign Affairs label affixed verso
 670 x 900mm
\$300 - \$600



8 |

Brian Brake

Skull Box: Northland
 colour photograph
 original *Tangata*: property of the New Zealand
 Ministry of Foreign Affairs label affixed verso
 900 x 670mm
\$200 - \$300



9 |

Theo Schoon

Sulphur Study
 unique cibachrome photograph
 190 x 190mm
\$1000 - \$2000

10 |

Theo Schoon

Study of Sulphur and Calcified Deposits
 unique cibachrome photograph
 190 x 192mm
\$1000 - \$2000





11

H. Goldie

The Kauri Gum Collectors

carbon print,
circa 1910

signed

940 x 300mm

\$1000 - \$3000



12

George Chance

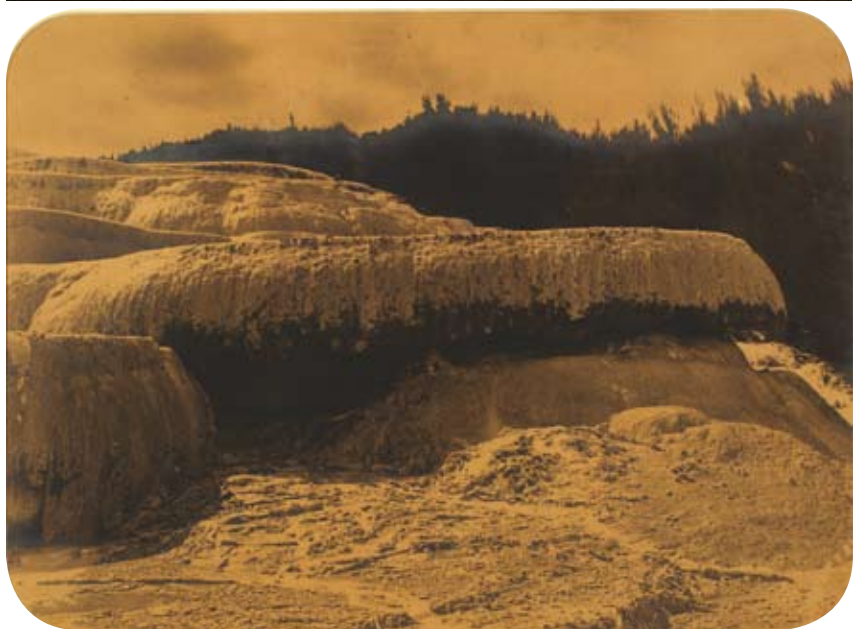
The Entrance, Stirling Castle

gelatin silver print exposed
through a textured screen

title inscribed and signed; original
Camera Study label affixed verso

575 x 415mm

\$400 - \$700



13

Josiah Martin

View of the White Terrace

vintage carbon print
title inscribed

400 x 500mm

\$1200 - \$2600



14

R. P Moore

Lake Coleridge

panoramic photograph

title inscribed and signed

205 x 985mm

\$400 - \$700

15

Josiah Martin

The Auckland Free Library and Art Gallery (Opened March 26, 1887)

albumen print, 1887

title inscribed and signed with artist's initials J.M.

150 x 204mm

\$1500 - \$3000



16

Burton Brothers

Parnell, Auckland

albumen print

title inscribed and signed

120 x 190mm

\$700 - \$1200



17

Josiah Martin

Queen Street Auckland, Looking North

albumen print

title inscribed and signed with artist's initials J.M.

140 x 205mm

\$900 - \$1600





18

Theo Schoon

Boy with Paddles
gelatin silver print
390 x 270mm

\$1800 - \$2800

19

Peter Peryer

Engine Leaving Glen Innes Tunnel
gelatin silver print, 1982
350 x 350mm

Exhibited: *Second Nature*
— Peter Peryer, City Gallery
Wellington, 1995 (Touring)
Illustrated: in the catalogue for the
aforementioned exhibition, plate 51.
\$5000 - \$8000

20

Charles Spencer

An Eruption at Wairoa
After Being Soaped
carbon print
title inscribed and signed
465 x 350mm
\$600 - \$1000

21

Theo Schoon

Formal Composition with Bicycles
gelatin silver print, circa 1965
200 x 195mm
\$1000 - \$2000

The interest of nineteenth century Britain and Europe in New Zealand and the South Pacific was strongly driven by a sense of curiosity and concern of the burgeoning middle classes to be educated in worldly affairs. This ready market was satisfied by the printing of views, atlases, zoological and botanical compilations that continued a tradition of reporting that started with Tasman's and Cook's visits.

In this catalogue there are works from the highly regarded G F Angas' *The New Zealanders Illustrated* – lithographs printed in tints and hand finished with watercolours, after drawings and paintings that the artist completed during his short visit in 1844. Published in London by subscription in 1847 the portfolio was a deliberate record of the New Zealander, that is the Maori, whose lifestyle, Angas determined was "... rapidly disappearing before the progress of Christianity and Civilization...".

The work *Na Horua* illustrates the chiefly, much tattooed Ngati Toa tohunga, whose brother Te Rauparaha had gained recent notoriety for the Wairau massacre, along with his wife and son, in a scene which he recounted in the book *Savage Life and Scenes in Australia and New Zealand*. While noting in this account the sacredness of Na Horua's person, he also comments on his wife's tapu status "It was singular to observe the various places where she had sat upon the ground, or rested to partake of food, fenced off with a slight circle of boughs stuck into the earth, to prevent any one trespassing on these sacred spots, and thus breaking the tapu." Other works offered capture the character of the sitters while being insightful with regards to habit, costume and culture.

Predating Angas' visit by eighteen years, Dumont D'Urville captained *L'Astrolabe* visiting New Zealand in 1826 along with Louis de Sainson, as official artist. Returning to Paris with 860 drawings D'Urville met with "indifference" from the French Admiralty and ended up self publishing the superb *Atlas* of the three year voyage. One of the most extraordinary images of *kapa haka* has to be *Baie Houa-Houa, Naturels executant une danse à bord de l'Astrolabe* offered in this section as lot 28.

Astonishingly bright and rich coloring, by Mr Bayfield, recorded as the hand colourist of John Gould's ornithological seven volume plus supplement masterpiece of 1869 meets the eye in the subject of Nortonis Mantelli (Takahe), lot 31. The pair of birds so faithfully rendered for scientific interest are placed before the conical bulk of Taranaki, while three shadowy figures in the background appear to have started a scrub fire that may be representative of the zealous bush clearances of settlers, which destroyed the natural habitats of New Zealand birds.

These works and other prints throughout this catalogue show not only the virtuosity of the artists, their drawers, engravers, lithographers and colourists but also hint at sub-texts that are available to be explored through period and subsequent studies.

Ross Millar



22

George French Angas

Na Horua or Tom Street

hand-coloured lithograph, 1847

400 x 315mm

\$1000 - \$2200



23

George French Angas

E Wai and Kahoki:

Nieces of Rauparaka

hand-coloured lithograph, 1847

335 x 265mm

\$1000 - \$2000



24

George French Angas

Chief of Waikato

hand-coloured lithograph, 1847

385 x 250mm

\$1000 - \$2000



25

A di Lorenzo

Apterie - Apterie Australis (Kiwi)

hand-coloured lithograph,

circa 1840

400 x 280mm

\$200 - \$500



26

Dumont D'Urville

Flore de Nouvelle Zelande

engraving, circa 1843

460 x 280mm

\$1000 - \$2000



27

William Dance

Captain James Cook

colour engraving

250 x 170mm

\$200 - \$400

28

Louis de Sainson

Baie Houa – Houa (Tolaga Bay)

hand-coloured lithograph,
circa 1835

220 x 335mm

\$500 - \$1000



29

George Baxter

The Massacre of Reverend John

Williams at Erromanga

patent oil print, circa 1850

210 x 315mm

\$1000 - \$2000



30

Alfred Ernest Baxter

The Landing of Reverend Waterhouse

at New Plymouth

patent oil print, 1844

290 x 405mm

\$800 - \$1400





31

John Gould

Takahe

hand-coloured lithograph, 1869

550 x 720mm

\$2000 - \$3000



32

George French Angas

To Ngaporutu and his Wife, Rihe

and Ngawhea of Te Mahoa

lithograph, 1847

290 x 450mm

\$900 - \$1500



33

George French Angas

Te Mutu, Chief of the Shutu with his Sons

hand-coloured lithograph, 1847

355 x 240mm

\$1000 - \$2000

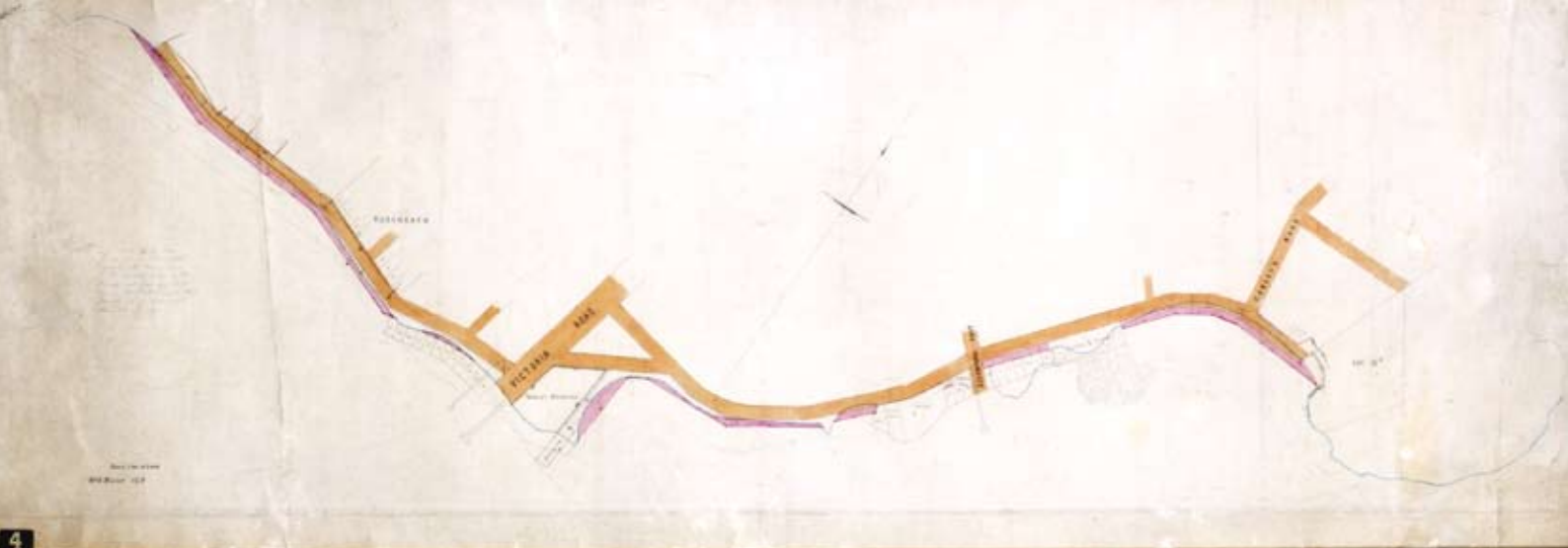
A corollary of combining a seemingly disparate grouping of works gives a sense of New Zealandness. This loosely structured section combines works that remind one of some interesting historical facts.

Lot 36 is an early 19th century French map of the Bay of Islands from the voyage of La Coquille under the command of Louis Duperrey. The two page steel engraving hand-coloured in outline and watercolour washes of 1824 notes an earlier ill-fated French visit to the region. A line marked *Route de Marion* recalls the 1772 voyage that ended in the death of the captain Marion Dufresne at the hands of Maori in retaliation for an earlier kidnapping by his countryman, the explorer de Surville. These scientific and exploratory visits serve to recall the rival faction that scoured the Pacific seeking new colonial possibilities and prompts reflection on the fact that English rather than French is the principal language of New Zealand.

That neither the British nor the French were necessarily welcome in Aotearoa is an underlying text in lot 38, comprising two works – a topographical sketch plan and elevations along with the same plans reworked as a published etching. The subject is the defensive pā of the insurgent chief Kawhiti, named *Ruapekapeka* (Cave of the Bats). The sacking of this important pā signaled the conclusion of the northern war with the British. The plan of the pā is compiled from military soldier artists with insight gained first hand after a two week bombardment. The admiration of the compilers is evident in their recording of some tactical military details of trenching and bomb proofing, those details which later assisted the British in their WWI trench warfare.

“Where Britain goes, we go” was Michael Joseph Savage’s call at the outbreak of war in 1939 and evidence of how keenly New Zealanders felt about Britain being ‘home’ can be observed in lot 49, an anonymous architect’s watercolour sketch of a proposed memorial monument for “The Founders of New Zealand” to be raised at St Clement’s church in London. “Oranges and Lemons say the bells of St Clements” is from an old rhyme whose final grisly line goes “Here comes the chopper to chop off your head”. As far as we know the New Zealand Founders Society’s dreams of a memorial were ‘chopped’ in the turmoil of the war years.

Ross Millar



34

H.N. Warner

Map of Devonport
watercolour, ink and pencil on paper
signed and dated 1878 and inscribed
Beach Road verso
800 x 1510mm
\$2000 - \$4000

35

G.P. Wilson

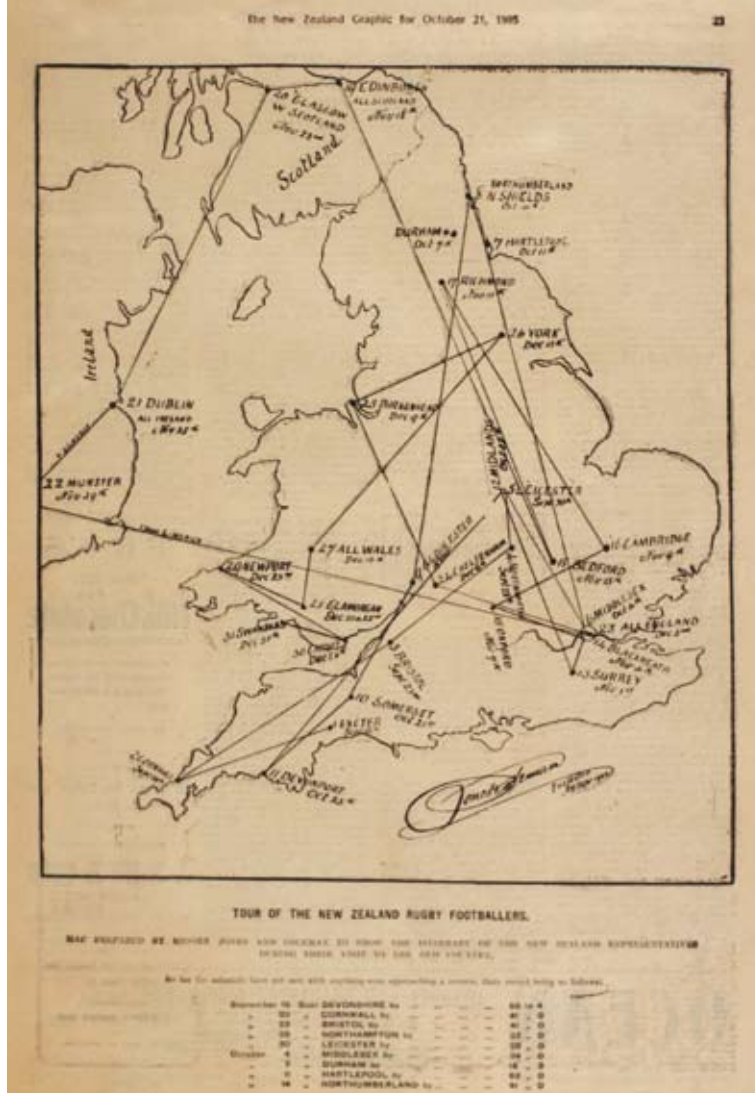
Plan of Kawhia, West Taupo and Portion of Clifton Counties
hand-coloured lithograph
670 x 1030mm
\$600 - \$1200



36

Louis Duperrey

Map of the Bay of Islands
hand-coloured print, 1824
465 x 730mm
\$1500 - \$3000



37 | **Jones and Coleman**
Map of the 1905 'Originals' Triumphant Tour of Great Britain
off-set lithograph
inscribed: so far the colonials have not met with anything
even approaching a reverse and with their tour record
375 x 260mm
\$500 - \$900

38 | **Artist Unknown**
Sketch of Chief Kawiti's Pa, Ruapekapeka
off-set lithograph together with an ink drawing
inscribed compiled from sketches by Capt Marlow, Lieut
Leeds and J.P. Moulin; title inscribed verso and inscribed
taken and destroyed in 1846
245 x 260mm: drawing
195 x 245mm: print
\$1500 - \$2500

39 | **Keith Johnson**
Map of New Zealand
etching, circa 1870
430 x 320mm
\$500 - \$1000





40

Artist Unknown

Victory for the Allies
needlework and collage
550 x 495mm
\$500 - \$800

41

Artist Unknown

A Naive View of Hauraki Gulf
oil on canvasboard
signed (illegible)
500 x 600mm
\$100 - \$300



42

**Artist Unknown
(German)**

Cottage and Figures
oil on canvas, circa 1880
280 x 460mm
\$1800 - \$3000

43

Artist Unknown

The Margherita
oil on board
360 x 475mm
\$1000 - \$2000

44

Artist Unknown

The Antiopé
oil on board
330 x 520mm
\$200 - \$400



45

Artist Unknown

The Blyth
watercolour
248 x 350mm
\$200 - \$400



46

E. Gaff

The Cuzco and The Ormonde
two watercolours
signed and dated 1954
245 x 350mm each
\$200 - \$400





47

Artist Unknown

Waterfall

oil on board

signed with artist's initials N.A.C.

730 x 530mm

\$150 - \$300



48

Fred Roe

All Good Wishes for 1924 from Fred Roe

ink on paper

titled inscribed, signed and inscribed

18 Stanford Road, Kensington Court

London W8

195 x 255mm

\$200 - \$400



49

Artist Unknown

Sketch of Proposed Monument for the

Founders of New Zealand Memorial at

St Clement Danes, Strand, London

watercolour, 1939

700 x 900mm

\$600 - \$1000

There are many examples of fine New Zealand art within the Bev and Murray Gow Collection but the influence of international art, and artists, also deserves close observation.

The importance of topographical landscape painting in New Zealand throughout the 1800's cannot be understated. Aside from being 'fashionable', topographical painting served a much-needed purpose as a type of 'visual propaganda' by The New Zealand Company for the recruitment of settlers to this country. However, the romance of the New Zealand landscape, with its vast tracts of uninhabited land, stunning lakes and soaring mountains provided much to inspire this generation of colonial artists such as Albin Martin and George O'Brien (lots 51 and 58). Others, like William Mathew Hodgkins (lots 55 and 59), relied heavily on influences from the past. JMW Turner had an early and enduring effect on Hodgkins and was probably the inspiration for his earnest and on-going study of 'atmosphere'. This pursuit has undoubtedly set Hodgkins apart as an artist who portrayed the unique characteristics of the New Zealand landscape with great sensitivity.

John Gibb's dramatic portrayal of *Otago Harbour* (lot 62), is a fine example of the artist's oeuvre. His obituary in the *Christchurch Press* in 1909 hailed him as a pioneer of oil painting in this country, praising the artist's "wonderfully realistic treatment of water in his many seascapes, and of the details of shipping... Mr Gibb's pictures were always noticeable for the careful and painstaking work bestowed upon all the details."

William Mason (lots 71 and 80) was an artist born in Napier but who benefited from international training, almost a century later than Hodgkins, Gibb et al. Mason is best remembered as a designer of distinctive textiles and wallpapers, however he began his career as a painter.

Following his participation in WWII, Mason received a war bursary to study in Britain. In 1946 he commenced painting studies at the Goldsmith's College School of Art. Whilst in London he observed the number of prominent artists also involved in the decorative arts, such as Duncan Grant and Henry Moore. Deciding to broaden his prospects, Mason completed a year long course in textile design and printing at the Central School of Art and Crafts.

Returning to New Zealand in 1950 from a London art scene dominated by Picasso, Mason found the local art world conservative and unsophisticated, however he found a niche at the Helen Hitchings gallery, one of the first dealer galleries. There he exhibited numerous still lifes in the Post-Impressionist style, similar to those listed as lots 71 and 80. Unconstrained by the notion of a traditional picture plane, Mason's still lifes utilised tilting surfaces, flattening space and bold, decorative colours.

Nowadays New Zealander's love of exploration leads us to enjoy familiar scenes from our travels and many collectors value the diversity of including significant international artists in their collections. Denys Law's depiction of *Lamorna Cove*, Cornwall (lot 72) and Andre Lhote's *French Cubist Landscape* (lot 69) are wonderful examples which will no doubt find many admirers during this viewing.

Leigh Melville



50 |
Artist Unknown
Flotilla, Bay of Islands
 watercolour
 280 x 410mm
\$1800 - \$3000

52 |
Artist Unknown
Kikoshakarere (sic) [Kikowhakarere] - Coromandel
 watercolour; circa 1860
 title inscribed
 135 x 174mm
\$800 - \$1400

53 |
James McLachlan Nairn
Farmer with Cow at Dusk
 oil on board
 signed and dated '97
 265 x 355mm
\$2000 - \$3000

51 |
Albin Martin
The Rainbow
 oil on canvas
 signed; title inscribed verso
 115 x 150mm
\$1000 - \$2000

54 |
Charles Nathaniel Worsley
Piazza Nuova, Grescia
 watercolour
 title inscribed and signed
 220 x 130mm
\$700 - \$900



55

William Matthew Hodgkins

*A View of the Hodgkins Family Home,
Ravensbourne, Dunedin*

watercolour

170 x 350mm

\$4000 - \$6000

56

**Artist Unknown: School of
Edward Fristrom**

Ohinemutu in 1888

oil on board

inscribed verso: *Rotorua, A Maori Pa,
Ohinemutu June 1888*

215 x 560mm

\$3000 - \$6000

57

John Alexander Gilfillan

A British Vessel Under Full Sail

graphite on paper

signed

175 x 220mm

\$1000 - \$3000





58

George O'Brien
South Island Lake Scene
 watercolour
 signed
 293 x 440mm
\$7000 - \$10 000

59

William Matthew Hodgkins
Mount Cook from Lake Pukaki
 watercolour
 title inscribed and signed with
 artist's initials W.M.H.
 300 x 650mm
\$6000 - \$10 000





60

Louis John Steele

A Misty Morning

oil on board, circa 1905

title inscribed and signed verso

250 x 400mm

\$5000 - \$10 000

61

Petrus van der Velden

Winter in Holland

watercolour

original certificate of authenticity

signed by the artist's son affixed

verso

260 x 450mm

\$5000 - \$10 000





62

John Gibb

Otago Harbour, near Tairoa Heads

oil on board

signed and dated 1898

430 x 650mm

\$14 000 - \$24 000



63

Petrus van der Velden

The Firewood Collector

graphite on paper, circa 1877

signed verso

175 x 100mm

\$1000 - \$2200

64

Petrus van der Velden

Boat at Rest

pencil on paper,

circa 1875

170 x 245mm

\$800 - \$1500



65

Louis John Steele

Boats Moored at Yarmouth

watercolour

signed and dated 1985

210 x 315mm

\$500 - \$1000



66

Thomas Selby Cousins

Lake Scene with Solitary Row Boat

watercolour

signed

130 x 185mm

\$250 - \$500



67

Norman W. Barker

Maori Catching Weka, Lake Taupo

oil on board

signed and dated 1894

300 x 460mm

\$1000 - \$2000



68

Louis John Steele

Cherubs

oil on canvas

signed

880 x 565mm

\$5000 - \$10 000

69

Andre Lhote

French Cubist Landscape
watercolour, circa 1940
signed
370 x 560mm
\$7000 - \$12 000



70

James Cook

English Village
oil on board, circa 1930
signed; original James Bourlet
and Sons label affixed verso
260 x 335mm
\$1000 - \$2000



71

William Mason

Still Life with Fish and Wine
oil on canvas
signed and dated 1954
660 x 865mm
\$6000 - \$9000





72

Denys Law

Lamorna Cove, Cornwall

acrylic on board

signed; title inscribed verso

195 x 240mm

\$500 - \$1000



73

Henry Winslow

No.3: A Roman

watercolour and bodycolour
on paper

signed with artist's initials *H.W.*

and dated '38; title inscribed and

signed verso

220 x 225mm

\$400 - \$600



74

George Hamilton Hammon

Middle Harbour, Sydney

etching, circa 1901

signed

135 x 185mm

\$200 - \$400



75

David Cox

A View of Windsor Castle
watercolour
title printed on original John Dixon
Antiques label affixed verso
220 x 165mm
\$400 - \$600



76

Artist Unknown

Phillip Island, Norfolk Island
watercolour
title inscribed and signed
420 x 725mm
\$400 - \$600



77

Frederick James Porter

The Thames from Wimbledon
watercolour, circa 1950
title inscribed and signed
on artist's original label
affixed verso
340 x 480mm
\$800 - \$1400

78

F Wellesby

Thames Estuary
watercolour, circa 1865
title inscribed and
signed on mount
250 x 340mm
\$1000 - \$2000



79

Eardley Knollys

Spring Landscape

pastel on paper

signed

360 x 525mm

\$300 - \$500



80

William Mason

Still Life with Blue Cloth

gouache

signed and dated '56

240 x 370mm

\$600 - \$900



81

William Joseph Wadham

The Lone Fisherman

pastel and watercolour on paper

signed

460 x 710mm

\$1200 - \$2000

The range of works in this section of the Bev and Murray Gow Collection nimbly charts the tasks that portraiture and figure painting were asked to perform from the 19th century to the late 20th century. The journey starts with accurate renderings from life and moves to the expressive power of the human figure as a carrier of meaning in an allegorical, narrative and emotional sense.

These works also shift from expertly depicting the human exterior to the more modernist position of revealing interior or psychological states. Lot 94 *Portrait of a Gentleman* is a straightforward portrait from the late 1880s and is emblematic of the upstanding citizen genre. The goal of the artist and the requirement of the viewer and society at this time is for a no-nonsense, conservative realism. The interest today is to decode the subtle indicators of class, status and personality that seep into a reading of the work.

These kinds of images were the stock in trade of Victorian and Colonial artists of the period and place a premium on academic painterliness and adherence to the artistic conventions of the day.

Modernism, like many manifestations of 20th century cultural transformation, was late coming to New Zealand and its impact on depictions of the human form were not felt until well into the forties and fifties. An image such as Desmond Wood's *Seated Man with Pipe* of 1956 (lot 96) seems quaint today, but this pipe smoking bohemian shows a loosening of both dress and painterly control that reflects the more intense evocation of mood and states of being that modernism ushered into the previously confined space of portraiture.

Fast forward just twenty five years to the expressionist enquiry of Jeffery Harris (lots 84 & 87) and the conversation is not about how the subject looks but how he feels. This is a much more self-conscious artist at work and Harris' 1982 *Self Portrait* is a classic of the *Anxious Image* type that he and many other artists of this period became known for.

Here the job of depiction of the human form is secondary to revealing an inner state, the human soul captured and laid bare for the viewer.

Other works in this section demonstrate the constant fascination artists have for pure drawing. The human form has for generations of artists been the point of inspiration for flights of fancy and riffing around the face and torso. We are hard wired to recognize ourselves in the most rudimentary of lines or brushstrokes. Sketches by Toss Woollaston, Philip Trusttum and Garth Tapper show the artists thinking out loud as it were, ruminating in line and wash on the human body and the human condition.

Hamish Coney



82

Garth Tapper

Study of Heads
charcoal on painted board
655 x 410mm
\$800 - \$1400

83

John Weeks

The Water Carriers
watercolour
480 x 282mm
\$1200 - \$2400

84

Jeffrey Harris

Killer
ink on paper
signed with artist's initials J.H.
and dated '74
205 x 130mm
\$500 - \$800



85

Artist Unknown

Study of a Family (three portraits)
watercolour and graphite on paper,
late eighteenth century
85 x 75mm each
\$700 - \$1000

86

Artist Unknown

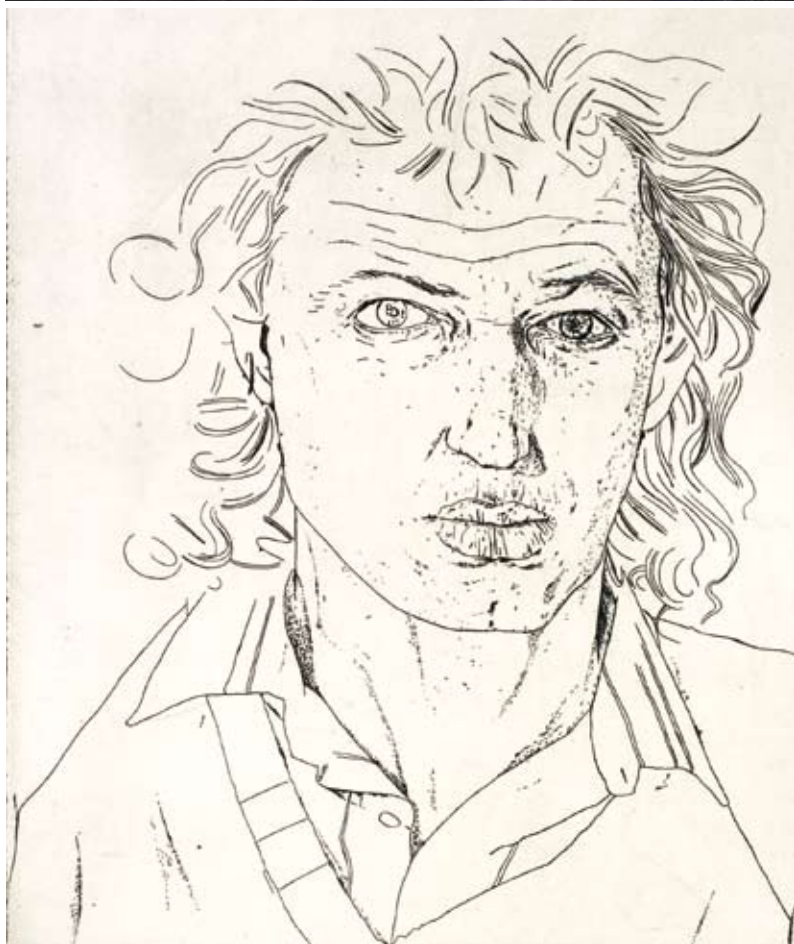
Portrait of Archibald Fisher
oil on canvas
title inscribed verso
595 x 390mm
\$1000 - \$2000

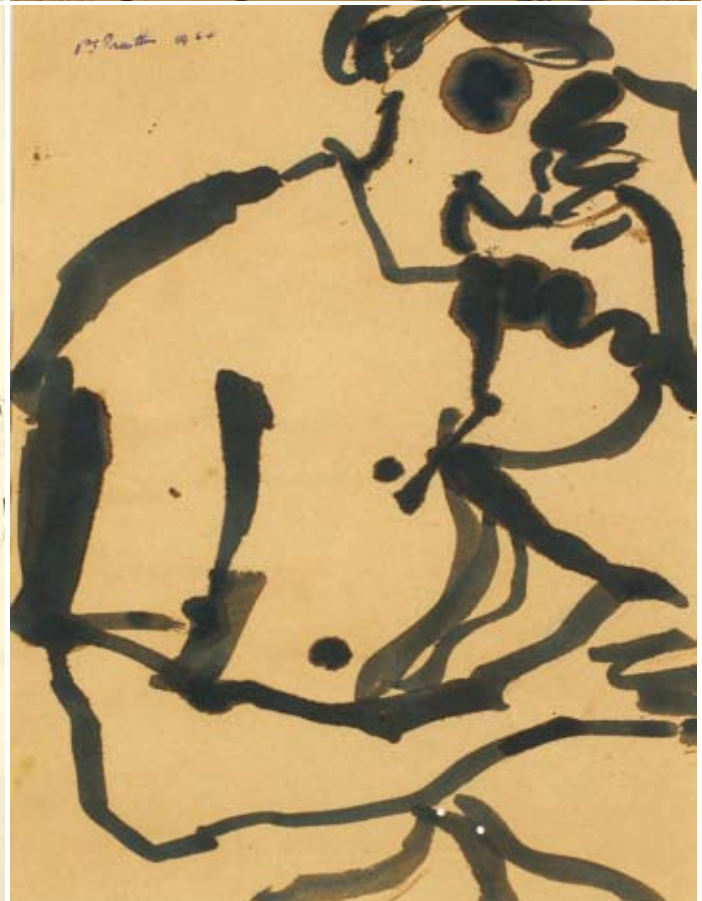


87

Jeffrey Harris

Self Portrait
etching, 6/10
title inscribed, signed
and dated 1982
240 x 200mm
\$500 - \$900





88 | **Christopher Perkins**
Portrait of John Perkins
 conté on paper
 circa 1935
 380 x 300mm
\$1200 - \$2000

89 | **Toss Woollaston**
Erua
 ink on paper
 signed
 360 x 265mm
\$1500 - \$2500

90 | **Toss Woollaston**
Portrait Study
 ink on paper
 300 x 240mm
\$1000 - \$2000

91 | **Philip Trusttun**
Figure Study
 ink on paper
 signed and dated 1964
 225 x 170mm
\$500 - \$800



92 | **Robert Nettleton Field**
Figure Study
 graphite on paper
 signed and dated 1965
 235 x 235mm
\$500 - \$800

93 | **May Gilbert**
Head from Life
 oil on board
 signed
 455 x 380mm
\$1000 - \$1500

94 | **Artist Unknown**
Portrait of a Gentleman
 oil on canvas, circa 1880
 250 x 185mm
\$400 - \$800

95 | **Dennis Knight Turner**
Woman in Lace
 graphite on paper
 signed
 335 x 250mm
\$400 - \$600



96

Desmond Wood

The Pipe Smoker

oil on board

signed and dated '56

830 x 500mm

\$1500 - \$2500

It is interesting to note how often Rangitoto appears in images of Auckland. Its ubiquity and instant recognition factor for Aucklanders is reflected in the wonderful pot-pourri of images in this catalogue.

Auckland is a city defined by the ocean and its many volcanoes. Early images of the city show the new colony clinging to the edges of the coast and seeking to establish a form and an identity as a bustling Victorian trading post.

For Aucklanders this selection of artwork is an exercise in nostalgia. The earliest image is lot 117, Patrick Joseph Hogan's view of a residence at Campbell's point in 1855. Today after much reclamation this exact point on the Parnell foreshore is inland. The scene depicted over 150 years ago shows the intermingling of the early colonists and local Maori going about their fishing. Many images of this period show the maritime nature of the city, when travel by boat was the preferred mode of transport.

100 years later Helen Hodges charming watercolour (lot 112) of Auckland Railway Station shows a bustling metropolis complete with trams, trucks and trains and plenty of carparking!

In a century Auckland had transformed into a city with much of the infrastructure we recognize to this day and the beginnings of a defined urban and suburban cityplan. Herne Bay, Takapuna, Orakei and Parnell are all well known names. Much of the pleasure of these images is spotting just how much has changed and thankfully how much is still intact. The War Memorial Museum is still the same architectural hardy perennial it was when painted by an unknown watercolourist four or five decades ago (lot 103).

The pleasures contained in this section of the catalogue are not so much in the importance of the works but in the contribution they make to enriching our collective memory and consciousness of the city. Many of the scenes were painted within living memory and some such as (lot 101) depict long gone but no forgotten city icons such as Partington's Mill which was demolished one year shy of its 100th birthday in 1950.

J.H. Sydney's keenly observed etching of 1923 reveals to us one of the past layers in the city's history and provides an insight into the quotidian life of Aucklanders in another era.

This busy recording of the fabric of the city is a task largely eschewed by artists today, but in a more conservative era these descriptive images that were in high demand. Today many of these views are like a wasp trapped in vintage amber. They possess the memories and patina of another time.

Hamish Coney



97

Walter Wright

The Coaster Unloading at Craig's Wharf, Auckland

watercolour

title inscribed and signed verso

240 x 360mm

\$800 - \$1400

98

Artist Unknown

A View of Rangitoto from Parnell Gardens

watercolour, circa 1900

172 x 368mm

\$500 - \$1000

99

R.I. Downie

Hobson Bay, Remuera

watercolour

artist's name, title and date 1910

inscribed on the mount

145 x 220mm

\$400 - \$600

100

Artist Unknown

Watcher's Island, Herne Bay, Auckland

watercolour and pencil on paper

280 x 450mm

\$800 - \$1400

101

J.H. Sydney

The Old Mill, Auckland

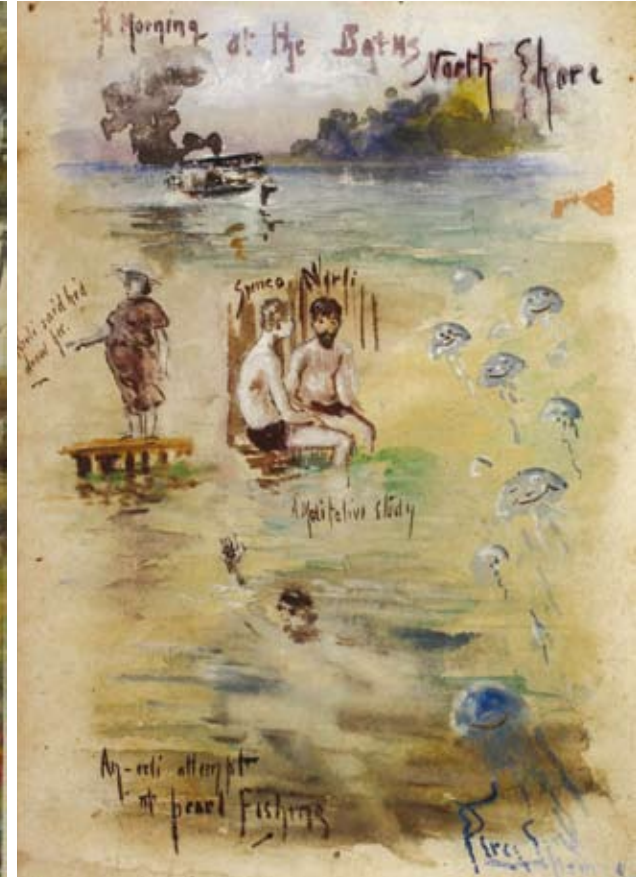
etching

title inscribed and signed; dated 1923

on the plate

245 x 115mm

\$200 - \$400



102

E. Armitage

Waitemata Harbour

oil on canvas

signed

320 x 910mm

\$700 - \$1200

103

Artist Unknown

Auckland Museum

watercolour

signed with artist's initials C.V.S.

240 x 180mm

\$100 - \$300

104

Girolamo Nerli

Morning at the Baths, North Shore, Auckland

watercolour

title inscribed

210 x 155mm

Illustrated: Michael Dunn, *Nerli: An Italian Painter in the South Pacific* (Auckland Unipress, 2005), p.31.

Reference: *ibid*

\$800 - \$1200

105

J.V. Gulliver

Old Customs House, Auckland Waterfront

etching, 13/30

signed

205 x 130mm

\$400 - \$600





106 | **E. Howell**
View of Rangitoto
watercolour
signed
160 x 235mm
\$300 - \$400

107 | **Peggy Spicer**
Suburban Auckland
watercolour
signed
270 x 330mm
\$300 - \$500

108 | **Mayclair**
Rangitoto
oil on board
title inscribed
and signed
240 x 430mm
\$500 - \$900

109 | **School of J.P. Backhouse**
Takapuna Beach
oil on board, circa 1880
112 x 165mm
\$700 - \$1000

110 | **Eleanor Brown**
Bastion Point, Orakei
watercolour
title inscribed, signed and
dated March 1900
160 x 200mm
\$800 - \$1400

111 | **Jas Fitzgerald**
Auckland City
watercolour,
circa 1950
signed
165 x 240mm
\$400 - \$600



112 | **Helen Hodges**
Auckland Railway Station in the 1950s
 watercolour
 signed verso
 215 x 275mm
\$500 - \$1000

113 | **Helen Brown**
Grey's Ave, Auckland
 watercolour
 title inscribed and signed
 438 x 518mm
\$800 - \$1400

114 | **J. Brown**
St Stephens Church, Parnell
 oil on card
 signed; title inscribed verso
 112 x 165mm
\$1000 - \$2000

115 | **Alfred Cook**
One Tree Hill and Cornwall Park
 watercolour
 signed and dated '30
 200 x 290mm
\$800 - \$1400

116 | **Artist Unknown**
Orakei Creek
 watercolour
 title inscribed and signed (illegible)
 240 x 370mm
\$500 - \$800



117

Patrick Joseph Hogan

Fairlawn, Campbell's Point, Auckland:

The Residence of J.J. Blaket

watercolour

signed and dated 1855; title inscribed,

signed and dated and inscribed

Here his eldest daughter Maria Patience was

born and his first wife died – she was the

daughter of Mr Berthon of Tasmania

225 x 378mm

\$12 000 - \$20 000

Godzone is one of Aotearoa's favourite monikers. New Zealanders are used to international visitors gushing over our magnificent environment. 100% pure New Zealand's awe-inspiring vistas are always front and centre in any discussion of the nation's unique characteristics.

For over one hundred years the landscape in all its variations could justifiably have been deemed to be the central theme in New Zealand's art history. Indeed, from the outset of our painted history it can be argued that revealing a fundamental 'New Zealandness' locked deep in the land was a mandatory subject for our artists and one they tackled with great gusto.

New Zealand is a country whose regions are intensely associated with the painterly eye. We think immediately of Michael Smither and Taranaki, Colin McCahon and Titirangi, Bill Sutton and Canterbury, Rita Angus and Hawkes Bay.

The conversation these artists engaged in has in large measure become part of the artistic lore and cultural DNA of the country. It can be argued that as much nation building has taken place on the easel as in the back of beyond. We are as a people, intensely fascinated with our natural environment, not just for how it looks but what it can and does mean.

Back in 1883 when Reverend John Kinder was recording the panorama that revealed itself in *Taupiri from Hopu Hopu* (lot 133) the New Zealand landscape was making its presence felt as artists in the colony began to drop the exaggerated atmospheric perspectives of their European training and focus on the clearer, grander and less populated New Zealand environment.

Isolation, antipathy towards the city and a natural affinity with the Great Outdoors became an artistic code for a set of Kiwi truths found in the backblocks of the New Zealand province. So our artists headed for the hills, travelling roads just like the one depicted in William James Reed's iconic watercolour *The Road to Waitati* (lot 136). Images like this and Helen Brown's *The Bach* of 1942 (lot 150) communicate the self-reliant, rugged pleasures of a country life that a fast urbanizing New Zealand was hardwiring into the collective cultural consciousness. Without being overly maudlin, these affecting images speak of the way we were, rather than the way we are.

Shane Cotton's *Taranaki Slice* of 1994 (lot 132) demonstrates the ongoing ability of the landscape tradition to reinvent itself as a carrier of meaning within the canon of New Zealand art. The last twenty years has seen the indigenous voice heard more clearly than ever before. For Maori the significance of place, which it must be argued has travelled by osmosis into the Pakeha population, is clouded with the trials of colonization, with the land being not just a location of identity and tribal tradition but also a locus for conflict and loss.

Cotton's work reasserts a Tangata Whenua interpretation of the land's meaning and also comments on the European view of land as property and a tradeable commodity.

Hamish Coney



118

Horace Moore Jones

The Marae

oil on board

signed

195 x 310mm

\$4000 - \$6000

119

Lucretia Johnson

Meeting House, Whakarewarewa

watercolour

signed; title inscribed verso

240 x 350mm

\$1000 - \$2000

120

Thomas William Downes

View of Putiki Marae, Wanganui

ink and wash on paper

title inscribed, signed and dated 1915

verso

265 x 430mm

\$1500 - \$3000

121

Charles Tole

Landscape I

conté on paper

signed and dated '72

title inscribed, signed and dated on

original catalogue label affixed verso

255 x 470mm

\$2000 - \$4000

122

Leonard Mitchell

Gum Trees, Wairarapa

oil on board

signed and dated 1959

title inscribed, signed and dated verso

445 x 545mm

\$2500 - \$5000



123

Peter McIntyre

Homestead, Makirikiri Valley, near Wanganui

watercolour, circa 1965

signed

395 x 520mm

\$4000 - \$6000

124

Edward Bullmore

Rural Pyre

watercolour

540 x 760mm

\$2000 - \$4000



125

Jeffrey Harris

Landscape with Church

oil on board

signed with artist's initials J.H.

and dated '70

485 x 650mm

\$3000 - \$5000

126

Robert Nettleton Field

Farm Sheds

oil on board

signed and dated '66

400 x 500mm

\$2000 - \$4000

127

William James Reed

Landscape with Tree Stumps

watercolour

signed

380 x 560mm

\$1800 - \$2500



128

Elise Maurant

Sheep Farm - Maraetahi

oil on board

signed; title inscribed and signed on original label affixed verso

420 x 470mm

\$800 - \$1200

129

William James Reed

Palmerston Landscape

watercolour and gouache on paper

signed; title inscribed and signed verso

370 x 480mm

\$2500 - \$4500

130

Jean Horsley

Mokoia Island

mixed media on paper

signed

585 x 425mm

\$300 - \$500

131

Henryk Szydlowski

Blue Pungas along a White River

oil on canvas

signed and dated 1984; title inscribed,

signed and dated verso

740 x 1120mm

\$2000 - \$3000



Taranaki Slice S.W.C. 1994

132

Shane Cotton

Taranaki Slice

oil and acrylic on paper

title inscribed, signed with artist's initials

S.W.C. and dated 1994

193 x 280mm

\$6000 - \$9000

133

John Kinder

Taupiri from Hopu Hopu

watercolour and pencil on paper

title inscribed, signed with artist's initials

J.K. and dated 1883

245 x 345mm

\$6000 - \$9000





134

Dorothy Kate Richmond

Ploughing the Field

watercolour

signed and dated 1930

240 x 340mm

\$2500 - \$3500

135

Artist Unknown

An Antipodean Post Office

watercolour

245 x 280mm

\$1000 - \$2500

136

William James Reed

The Road to Waitati

watercolour

signed; title inscribed and signed verso

327 x 492mm

\$1500 - \$2500

137

Douglas Badcock

Mount Creighton Station, Lake Wakatipu

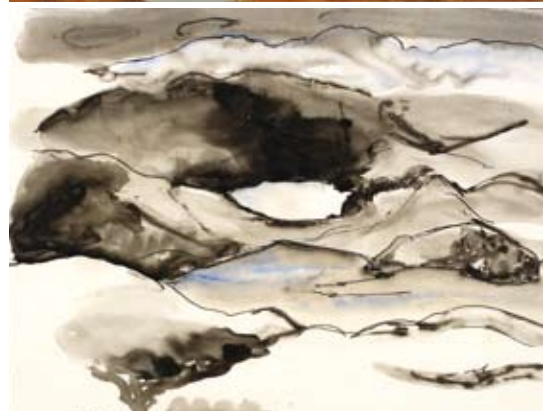
oil on board

signed; title inscribed, signed and dated

Sept. 1968 verso

340 x 430mm

\$600 - \$1000



138 | **Artist Unknown**
Mount Taranaki
 pastel and watercolour on paper
 390 x 460mm
\$400 - \$800

139 | **Robert Nettleton Field**
Coastal View
 watercolour
 signed and dated '61
 250 x 360mm
\$800 - \$1400

140 | **Basil Honour**
View of the Southern Alps
 watercolour
 signed and dated '30
 265 x 365mm
\$500 - \$800

141 | **H.V. Miller**
Haystacks
 oil on canvasboard
 signed and dated 1932
 350 x 405mm
\$700 - \$1000

142 | **Francis Shurrock**
Stream
 watercolour
 signed
 245 x 345mm
\$200 - \$400

143 | **May Smith**
Te Kouma Harbour
 ink and watercolour on paper
 signed and dated '68
 325 x 430mm
\$400 - \$600

144 | **Peggy Spicer**
Shunting Yards, Lyttleton
 oil on board
 signed
 370 x 490mm
\$600 - \$1000

145 | **Alfred Cook**
A Summer Landscape
 watercolour
 95 x 135mm
\$300 - \$500

146 | **Reg Waghorn**
Ruapehu and Plateau Landscape
 watercolour
 signed and dated '70
 435 x 540mm
\$500 - \$800



147 | **Peter Moriarty**
Sand Dunes, Castle Cliff
 acrylic on board
 signed; title inscribed verso
 340 x 480mm
\$600 - \$900

148 | **Wayne Seyb**
Abstracted Landscape
 watercolour
 signed and dated '94
 415 x 580mm
\$500 - \$1000

149 | **Margot Mountain**
Bayly's Beach
 watercolour
 signed and dated '99
 175 x 225mm
\$300 - \$500

150 | **Helen Brown**
The Bach
 watercolour
 signed and dated '42
 350 x 430mm
\$400 - \$700

151 | **Peggy Spicer**
Mount Sefton
 oil on board
 signed
 535 x 665mm
\$700 - \$1000

152 | **Peggy Spicer**
View of the Gorge
 watercolour
 signed
 360 x 550mm
\$500 - \$800

153 | **Connie Lloyd**
Mt Edgecumbe
 graphite on paper, circa 1940
 signed
 170 x 170mm
\$250 - \$350

154 | **Arthur Hipwell**
Landscape
 graphite and bodycolour
 on paper
 signed
 215 x 360mm
\$100 - \$300

155 | **S. Bugden**
Sheltered Water - Akaroa
 watercolour
 signed and dated '68; title inscribed verso
 370 x 550mm
\$400 - \$800



156 | **Donald Croll**
Untitled – Coastal Scene with Headland
 watercolour
 signed and dated 1946
 120 x 195mm
\$200 - \$400

158 | **Peggy Spicer**
Street Scene with Villas
 watercolour
 signed
 200 x 265mm
\$300 - \$500



157 | **Douglas MacDiarmid**
Abstracted Landscape
 watercolour
 signed and dated 1954
 505 x 310mm
\$400 - \$700



159

Frank Gross

The Old Church

watercolour

signed

415 x 600mm

\$400 - \$600



160

Jack Crippen

Blind Bay, Great Barrier Island

oil on board

signed

title inscribed and

signed verso

472 x 600mm

\$1100 - \$2500

The art of printmaking began in China as early as the second century A.D. However it wasn't until the 19th century when limited editions prints were produced and signed that the medium really emerged as a valid fine art practice. Pablo Picasso was the first major proponent of fine art printmaking, producing over 1000 different limited edition prints in all manner of different processes. In this country printmaking became especially popular in the mid 20th century and this is one of the key focuses of The Bev and Murray Gow Collection.

The woodcut and linocut were particularly popular printing processes in this period of New Zealand art history and typically involve the drawing of images onto blocks of wood or linoleum which are then carved before being impressed onto the paper surface creating a reversed relief image.

Adele Younghusband attended Elam School of Fine Arts in the 1930s and early in her career she showed a willingness to experiment with different styles and media. *The Skipping Maids* (lot 167) is a beautiful work which marries the stressing of formal relationships of shapes and patterns to her trademark rhythmic, organic aesthetic.

E. Mervyn Taylor can comfortably be described as a master printmaker, the delicacy and power of his line is without peer in this country. The subject of a recent and long-overdue monograph by Bryan James, he was an artist marginalized until recent times by virtue of his chosen medium and who relied on school journals as the principal means of disseminating his art works.

Dame Eileen Mayo was born in Norwich in the United Kingdom. She emigrated to Australia in 1952, before separating from her husband and moving to New Zealand in 1962. She was an accomplished artist and designer who worked in a variety of mediums. Strongly religious, her subject matter was principally drawn from the natural world, however her delightful silkscreen print *Alphabets* (lot 176), serves to reveal her pedagogical interests; Mayo held numerous teaching positions throughout her life here and in her country of origin.

Ben Plumbly



161 | **Peggy Spicer**
A Misty Morning
 etching, edition of 30
 title inscribed and signed
 130 x 170mm
\$400 - \$600

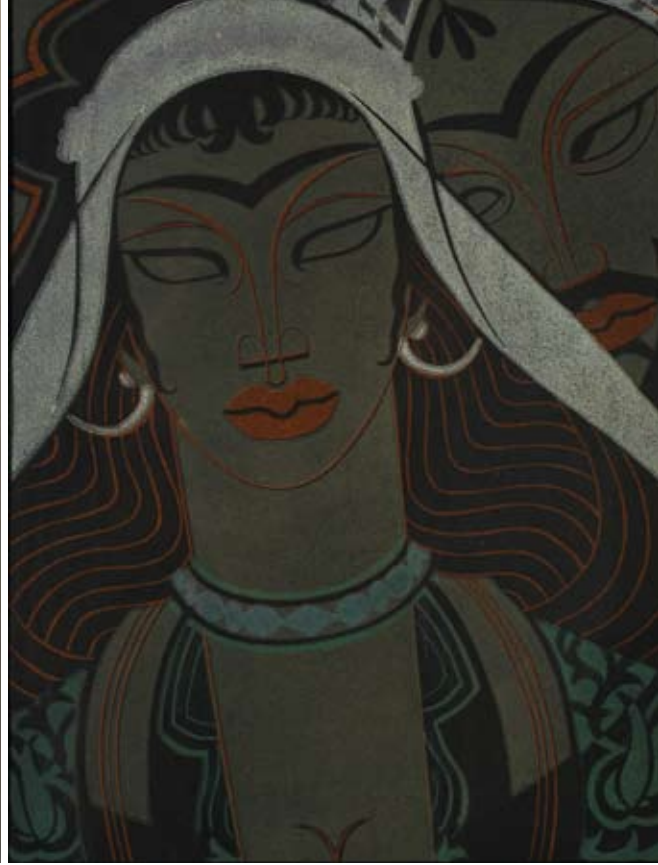
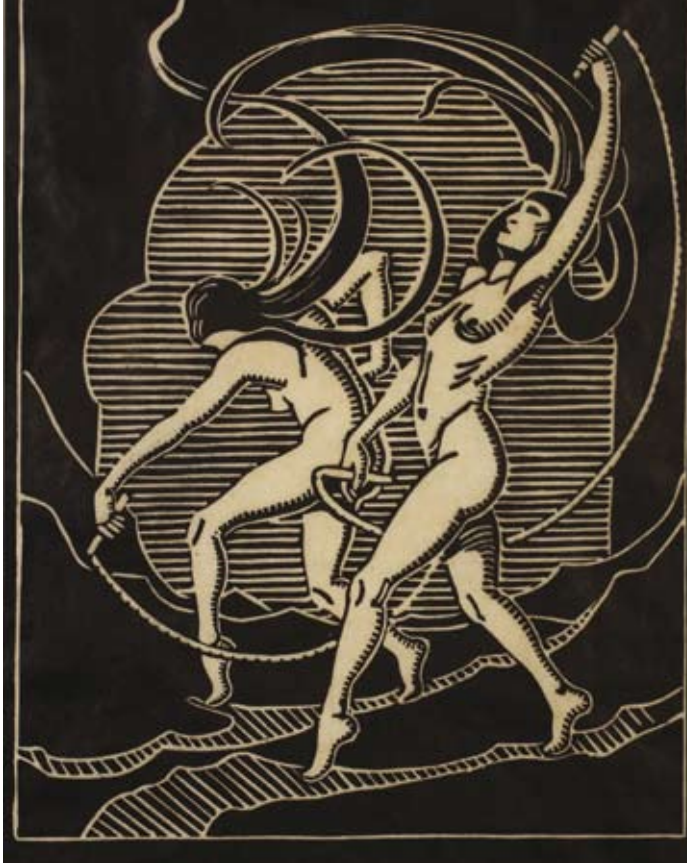
162 | **James Fraser Scott**
The Boulevard
 colour woodcut
 signed with artist's initials J.F.S.
 signed verso
 240 x 340mm
\$500 - \$900

163 | **John Buckland-Wright**
Roguebune
 woodcut, 1/30
 title inscribed,
 signed and dated 1927
 180 x 130mm
\$700 - \$1000

164 | **E. Mervyn Taylor**
Tern
 woodcut, edition of 40
 title inscribed and signed
 135 x 95mm
\$700 - \$1200

165 | **Ida Carey**
The Spinning Wheel
 woodcut, circa 1940
 title inscribed and signed
 135 x 90mm
\$500 - \$1000

166 | **M. Matthews**
Lake Waikaremoana
 etching
 title inscribed and signed
 110 x 85mm
\$400 - \$600

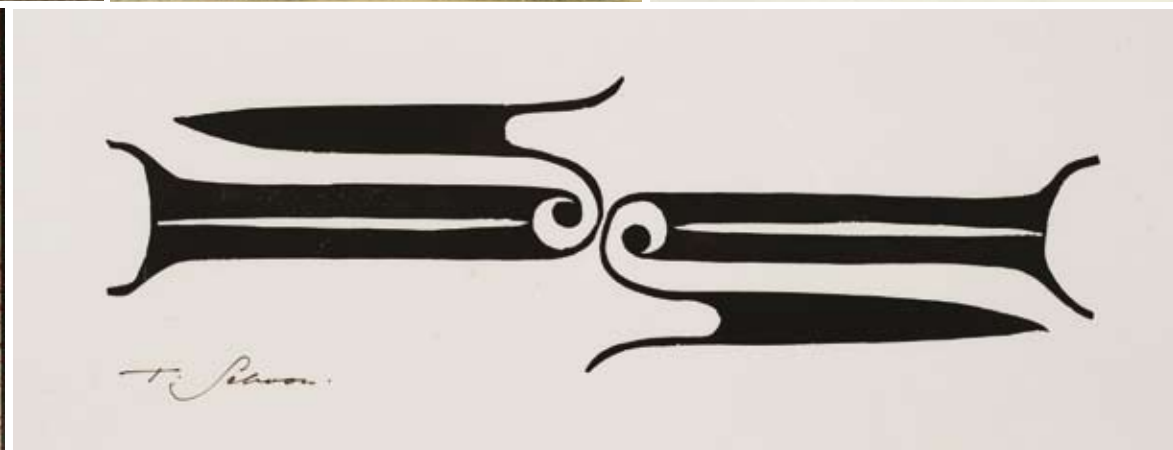


167 | **Adele Younghusband**
The Skipping Maids
 linocut
 title inscribed,
 signed and dated 1937
 275 x 185mm
\$2000 - \$4000

168 | **George Woods**
Come with Old Khayyam
 colour woodblock print
 title inscribed and signed verso
 245 x 185mm
\$600 - \$900

169 | **George Woods**
Nude
 linocut, circa 1944
 190 x 125mm
\$600 - \$900

170 | **George Woods**
Tropical Fish
 colour woodblock, circa 1948
 150 x 172mm
\$700 - \$1000



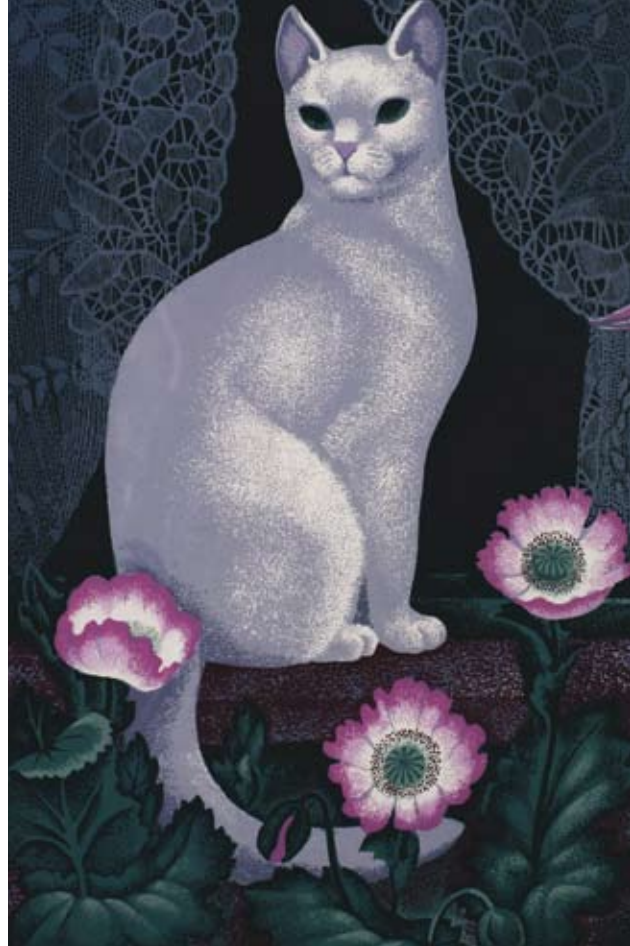
171 | **Stuart Peterson**
The Mythical Waka
 etching, circa 1950
 signed
 255 x 180mm
\$900 - \$1400

172 | **Harry Linley Richardson**
Maori Woman Wearing Cloak
 etching, circa 1920
 signed
 215 x 165mm
\$500 - \$1000

173 | **T. King**
Portrait of a New Zealand Chief
 etching
 320 x 220mm
\$1000 - \$2000

174 | **E. Mervyn Taylor**
Woman
 woodcut
 320 x 95mm
\$1000 - \$2000

175 | **Theo Schoon**
Abstract Tribal Study
 linocut
 signed
 190 x 570mm
\$500 - \$1000



176 |

Eileen Mayo

Alphabets

silkscreen, 31/35

title inscribed and signed

500 x 320mm

\$1000 - \$2000

177 |

Eileen Mayo

White Cat and Poppies

silkscreen print, 48/50

title inscribed,

signed and dated April 1985

420 x 280mm

\$1000 - \$2000

178 |

Eileen Mayo

The Wounded Bird

woodblock print, 7/30 (1968)

title inscribed and signed

402 x 340mm

\$1200 - \$2000

179 |

Eileen Mayo

A Summer Evening

silkscreen print, 22/30

title inscribed and signed; title

inscribed and signed verso

430 x 350mm

\$1200 - \$2000



180 | **Gretchen Albrecht**
International Women's Year
 screenprint, 7/100
 signed and dated 1975
 and inscribed for *Una*
 858 x 610mm
\$1000 - \$2000

181 | **Don Driver**
At The Beach
 screenprint, printer's proof
 title inscribed,
 signed and dated 1982
 600 x 458mm
\$600 - \$900

182 | **Nigel Brown**
Bitter Fruit
 woodcut, 7/10
 title inscribed,
 signed and dated '83
 340 x 240mm
\$400 - \$600

183 | **Peter Siddell**
Window
 screenprint, 127/150
 title inscribed,
 signed and dated 1982
 570 x 440mm
\$600 - \$900

184 | **John Weeks**
Pattern Study
 monoprint, circa 1950
 signed
 295 x 240mm
\$800 - \$1200

185 | **Nigel Brown**
Marvellous Road
 woodcut, 1/10
 title inscribed,
 signed and dated 1983
 595 x 295mm
\$400 - \$600



186

Henryk Szydlowski

Gaysor (Landscape)

linocut, 1/1

title inscribed, signed
and dated 1980

185 x 220mm

\$200 - \$400



187

Rudi Gopas

Boats on the Shore

monoprint, circa 1965

170 x 215mm

Provenance: Purchased from the
Gopas family in Lyttleton in 1985

\$1000 - \$3000



188

John Weeks

On the Wharf

monoprint

signed

270 x 360mm

\$1500 - \$2500



189

Arthur Hipwell

Cattle

woodcut print, 2/50

title inscribed and signed

125 x 155mm

\$400 - \$600

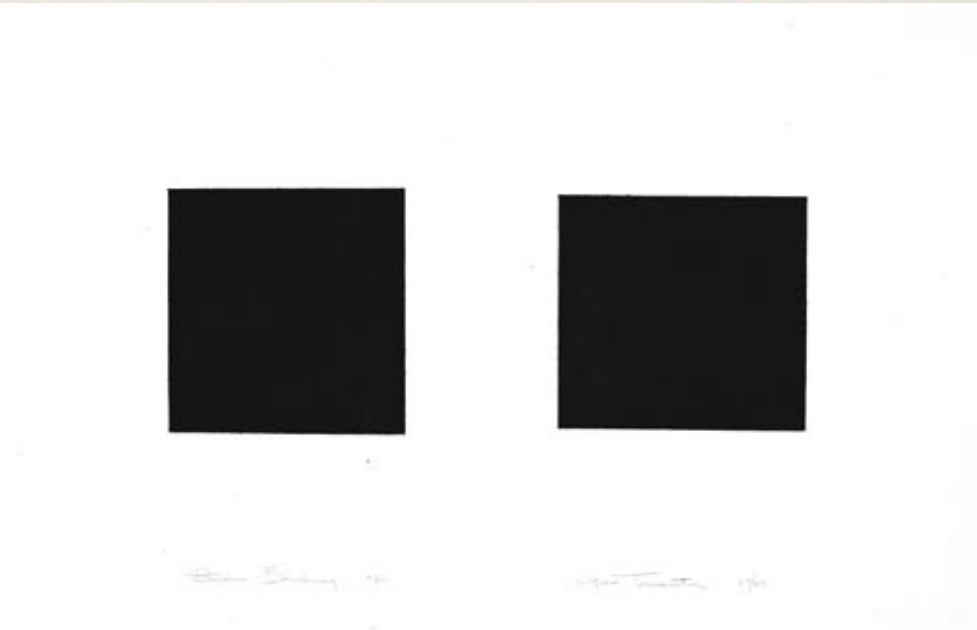


190

Gordon Crook

Parrot

silkscreen print, 8/10
title inscribed
signed with artist's initials G.C.
and dated '84
550 x 850mm
\$400 - \$700



191

Stephen Bambury

Area Transmute

etching, 17/40
title inscribed, signed
and dated 1980
555 x 750mm
\$600 - \$1000



192

Louise Henderson

Abstract with Cubist Elements

lithograph, 1/15
signed and dated '57
425 x 650mm
\$1000 - \$1500

The representation of Maori, or a connection to Maori art are themes visited by numerous artists, the interesting play is how these themes have been visited over time. Typically the artists involved in cross cultural representation have been following an enduring interest in the indigenous society of New Zealand.

Joseph Jenner Merrett's portrait of the chief Marahau, offered as lot 202, is important not only for it being a study by an artist whose works rarely appear on the market but also highlights the somewhat unique distinction of close association that Merrett had with his subjects. Merrett had taken a Maori wife and referred to himself as 'Pakeha-Maori'. The fact that he spoke Maori also assisted in his ability to interact with his subjects more deeply than other colonial artists. The subject was resident at a mission station established at Otawau, south of Te Kuiti, who had taken the name Horomona (translating as Solomon) on his conversion, and gained notoriety as Blind Solomon.

Theo Schoon's fastidious research into Maori art and his exploration of the possibilities of adaptation of that art into his own work is visited in lot 198, *Study for a Jade Necklace Design*. Here Schoon apparently transfers female chin moko patterns, incorporating the feeling of hei matau pendant forms and reinvents them in a wholly unique way. These forms whilst seeming more commonplace today must be considered in the context of time, being drawn in the early 1960s and represent Schoon's preoccupation with investigating the potential marriage of primitive and modern.

Horatio Gordon Robley, a military artist who spent time in New Zealand in the 1880s, is renowned for his interest in and studies of moko, which culminated in the publication of an eponymously titled book. He was one of few 19th century artists who could capture the essence of the curvilinear elements of Maori art, be it tattoo, painting or carving. In lot 195 two pieces of his work are presented, a photograph of a carved and painted embracing pair from a ridge post of a Rotorua meeting house, (the work attributed to Wero, now in the collection of Te Papa) is annotated in Robley's hand noting an element that caught his eye, '...unusual nose ornamentation on the woman...'. This is matted in a single frame with a sketch of Robley's of a manaia – that Maori artistic representation where a contorted figure is shown in profile. This again is annotated in the artist's hand '...from a box.' Evidently this particular carving from a wakahuia, a treasure box, caught his eye.

These and other works in this catalogue offer a sample of the importance of recordist art, Schoon's work changing the context of how Maori art was seen, Merrett recording in his deft sketches character and story and Robley's attentive detail providing a historical witness.

Ross Millar



193 | **Major General Horatio Gordon Robley**
Te Hongi

ink on card, circa 1910
inscribed verso Latest information from the Dominion of New Zealand shows that the present obsolete manner of salute among lovers or dear friends, the kiss, will be superseded by the historic custom of the Maori, a most interesting race – “Te Hongi” the rite of placing noses together – This is now the more pleasing fashion of endearment. The illustration will aid people to learn to enjoy the moment or period of this salute; acknowledged to be an elegant improvement, and becoming a world favourite
85 x 135mm
\$1200 - \$2000

194 | **Major General Horatio Gordon Robley**
Women Wearing Tiki

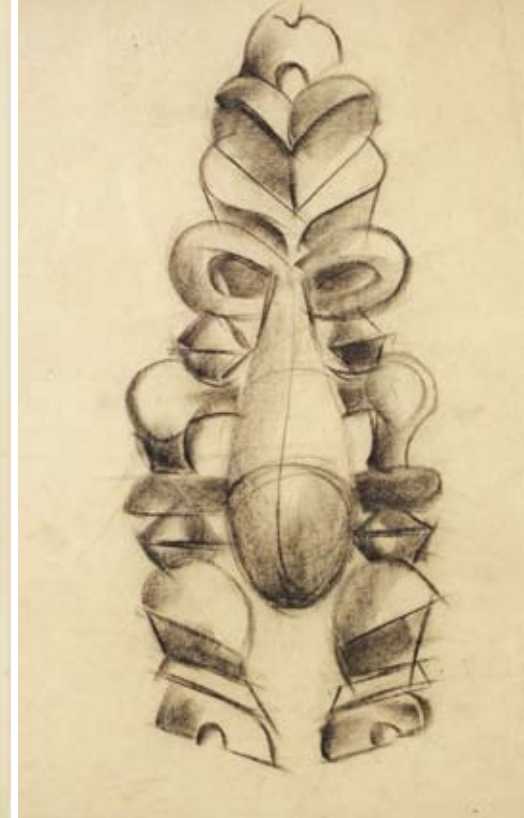
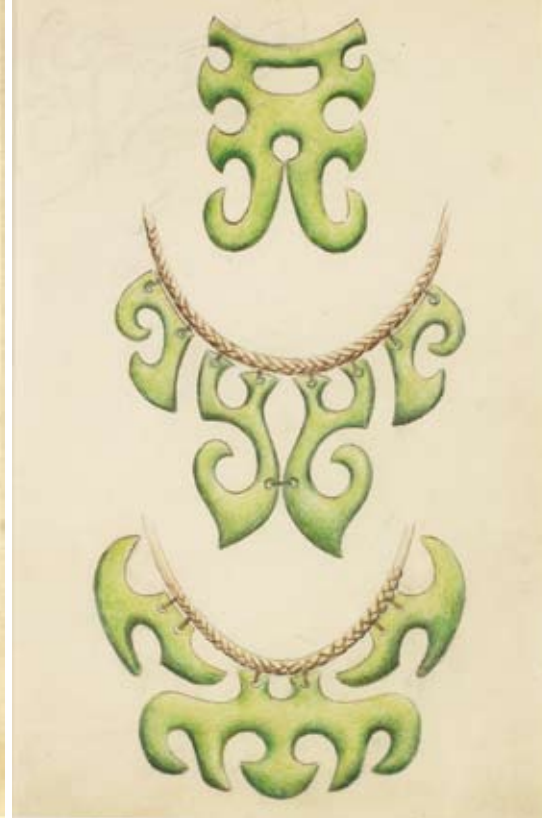
ink on card, circa 1890
inscribed verso Tiki is either worn upright position or by that arm which allows if looking down never the other way
90 x 135mm
\$1200 - \$2000



195 | **Major General Horatio Gordon Robley**
Carving of a Manaia
ink and wash drawing together with an albumen print, circa 1870
title inscribed and signed and inscribed (partly illegible) Carved figures showing Moko on man and unusual nose decoration. Both have carving on body and legs. The tattooing on buttocks is termed Rapa
200 x 125mm image size
140 x 95mm photo size
\$3000 - \$5000

196 | **Major General Horatio Gordon Robley**
A Carved Chief 'Te Kuha' and Sea-Going War Canoe 'Hine-Tapu'

ink on card
title inscribed, signed and dated 1864
verso; further inscriptions pertaining to the carvings verso
85 x 135mm
\$1500 - \$3000



197 | **Major General Horatio Gordon Robley**
Tiki
 ink and wash
 130 x 80mm
\$1200 - \$2000

198 | **Theo Schoon**
Study for a Jade Necklace Design
 pastel on paper, circa 1965
 260 x 195mm
\$1000 - \$2000

199 | **John Weeks**
Tiki Study
 charcoal on paper
 266 x 210mm
 Provenance: From the collection of the artist's estate
\$1000 - \$2000

200 | **Artist Unknown**
Still Life with Maori Artefacts
 acrylic and watercolour on paper
 455 x 585mm
\$1500 - \$3000



201

Major General Horatio Gordon Robley

New Zealand Staff

watercolour and pencil on paper

title inscribed

280 x 385mm

\$2500 - \$5000



202

Joseph Jenner Merrett

A Blind Chief of Otawao,

Marahau

ink on paper; circa 1840

title inscribed

185 x 125mm

\$6000 - \$9000

Of all the categories in the Bev and Murray Gow collection, 'The Search for a Local Modernism' is perhaps the broadest and least clearly defined. Internationally the term 'modernism' has been used as a catchall phrase to represent nearly everything produced from the late nineteenth century through to the 1970s. Modernism is an ill-defined and endlessly debated term but, put simply, it represented a desire to break with tradition and representational subject matter in an attempt to capture more abstract emotions and themes.

Sydney Lough Thompson is a key figure in the emergence of modernism in this country. The artist spent his time between New Zealand and the south of France. Upon returning home from France, artists such as Raymond McIntyre and Cecil Kelly would frequently meet in Thompson's studio in Cambridge Terrace, Christchurch where the many ideas and styles that Lough Thompson had absorbed through European art circles would filter back into New Zealand discourse. *Autumn in Hagley Park* is one of two paintings by Sydney Lough Thompson in Bev and Murray's collection. It represents a departure from the trademark Lough Thompson palette in which yellows and blues predominate in favour of a rich Autumnal palette of burnt reds and deep browns.

Another artist who brought with him from abroad a set of new ideas and concerns which would play their part in the emergence of a New Zealand modernism was the Englishman Patrick Hayman. Hayman spent only ten years in this country but he was quick to be included in a circle of writers and artists which included Ron O'Reilly, Colin McCahon, Anne Hamblett, Charles Brasch and Doris Lusk. His style of Modernism was a unique one, informed by the primitive modernism of artists such as Paul Klee and Joan Miro, whom he was selected to exhibit alongside in the Art's Council of Britain 'Alive to it all' exhibition in 1983, yet chiefly characterized by his own unique heavy-handed line. *The Birthday Girl* (1960) is a real favourite at A+O and perfectly demonstrates Hayman's mature style (lot 255).

Honoured with Damehood in 1993, the year before her death, Louise Henderson is one of this country's Key 'modernist' figures. The subject of a groundbreaking retrospective exhibition at Auckland City Art Gallery in 1953, Louise Henderson continued to paint in a Cubist style for the rest of her life. Often, as in *Abstract* (1965) or *Abstract with Green and White* (1979), her paintings would become totally abstract yet they still retained the artist's signature cubist-inspired faceting of planes (lot 234).

Ben Plumbly



203

Adele Younghusband

Basket with Flowers

pastel on paper

signed and dated 1965; title

inscribed and signed verso

360 x 270mm

\$3000 - \$6000

204

Joanna Paul

The White Dress

oil on board, 1980

signed verso; Sarjeant Gallery exhibition

label affixed verso

1020 x 700mm

Exhibited: 'A Chronology', Sarjeant Gallery
(1982)

\$3000 - \$5000



205

Adele Younghusband

Nautical Composition

oil on board

signed and dated 1952; title

inscribed on original label affixed
verso

570 x 500mm

\$5000 - \$8000

206

Doris Lusk

Island and Girl
watercolour
signed and dated '86
570 x 760mm
\$4000 - \$7000



207

William James Reed

War, Pacific Islands
watercolour
230 x 310mm
\$3000 - \$5000



208

Dennis Knight Turner

Still Life with Velazquez
oil on board, circa 1960
signed; Sarjeant Gallery touring
exhibition label affixed verso
440 x 610mm
Exhibited: 'Here There Here
1943 - 1993', Sarjeant Gallery
\$4500 - \$6500



209

Jeffrey Harris

It Ends All!
ink on paper with collage
title inscribed, signed and dated
27/1/74
305 x 455mm
\$1500 - \$2500





210

Michael Smither
The Rusty Kerosene Tin
 oil on board
 title inscribed,
 signed and dated 1975
 verso
 330 x 290mm
\$1200 - \$2200



211

Louise Henderson
Abstract Composition with Yellow and Blue
 pastel on paper
 signed
 755 x 550mm
\$1500 - \$3000



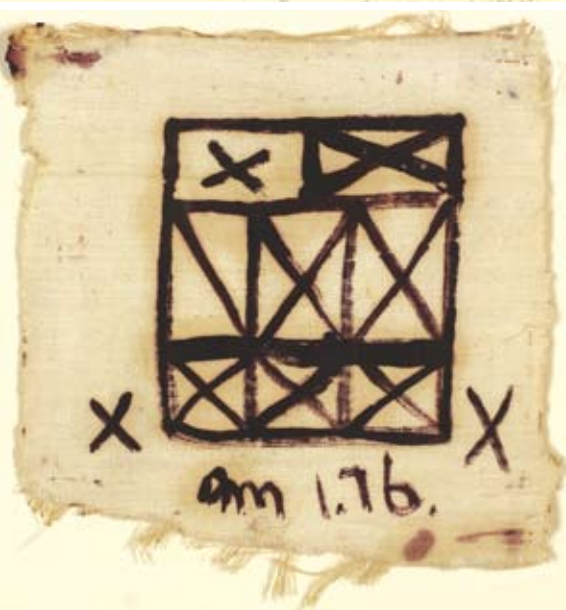
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Geoff Thornley
Red Blue
 acrylic on paper
 signed and dated 78/79
 255 x 155mm
\$900 - \$1400



213

Patrick Hayman
Red Indians
 watercolour
 signed; title inscribed
 and dated 1949 verso
 225 x 140mm
\$1000 - \$2000



214

Allen Maddox
Untitled
 acrylic on calico fabric
 signed with artist's initials
 A.M. and dated '76
 270 x 240mm
\$1000 - \$2000



215

Vida Steinert

Abstracted Boats at Westhaven Marina

oil on board,

circa 1955

signed

345 x 380mm

\$800 - \$1500



216

Teuane Tibbo

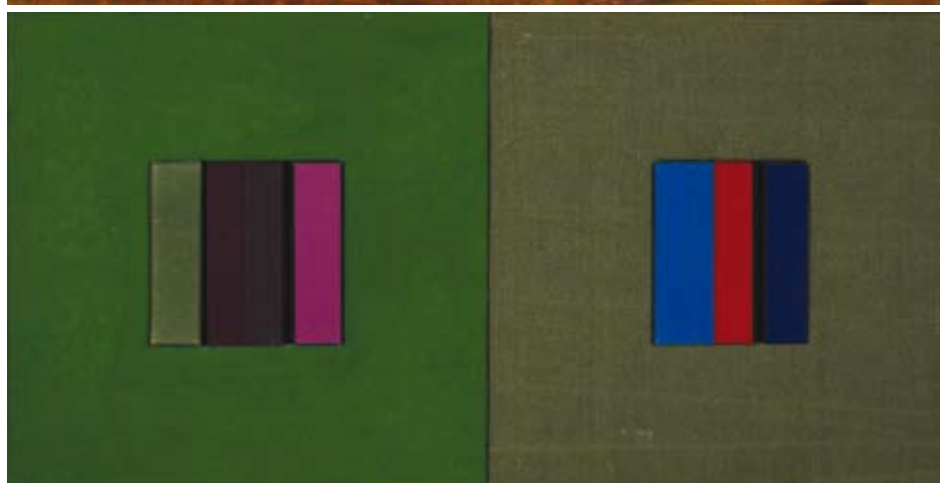
The Flower Garden

acrylic on board

signed and dated 1972

610 x 915mm

\$1000 - \$2000



217

Don Driver

Two Part Relief

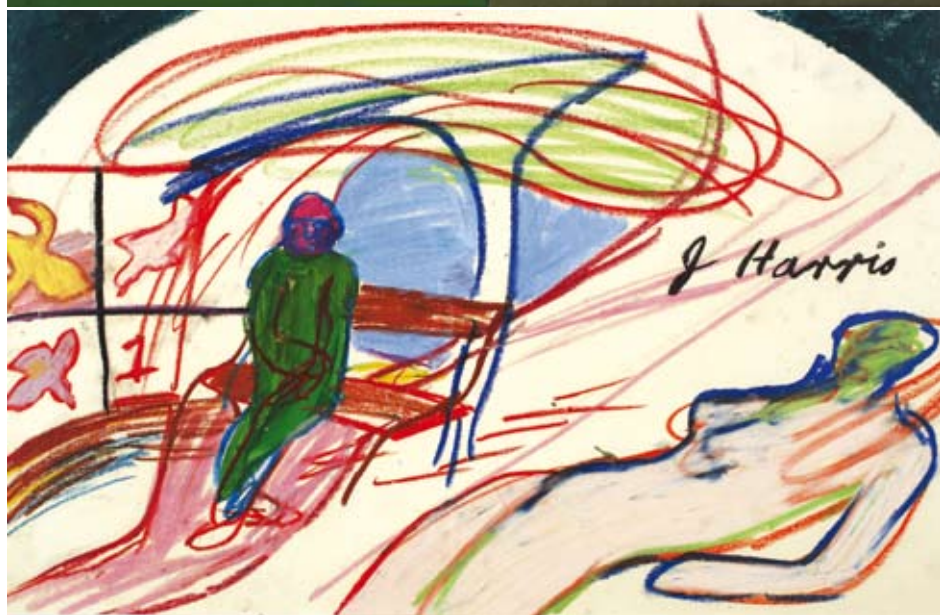
mixed media

title inscribed, signed

and dated 1974 verso

560 x 1130mm

\$3000 - \$6000



218

Jeffrey Harris

Thoughts in the Park

pastel on paper

signed

430 x 680mm

\$1500 - \$2500

219

Buck Nin

Ochre Symphony

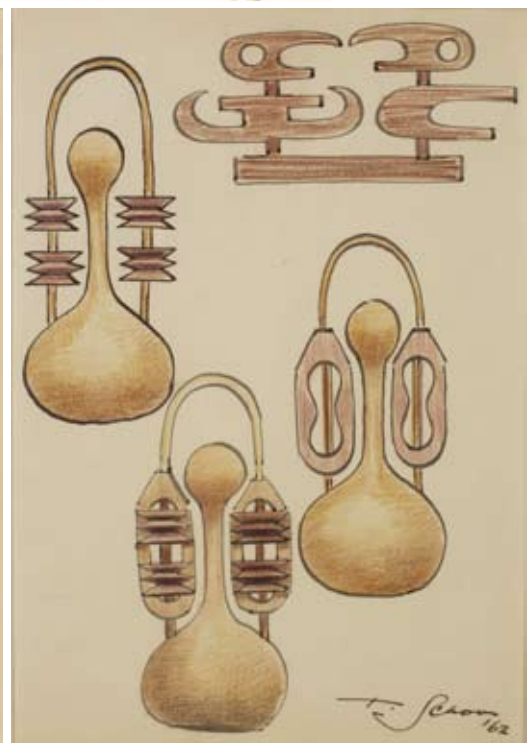
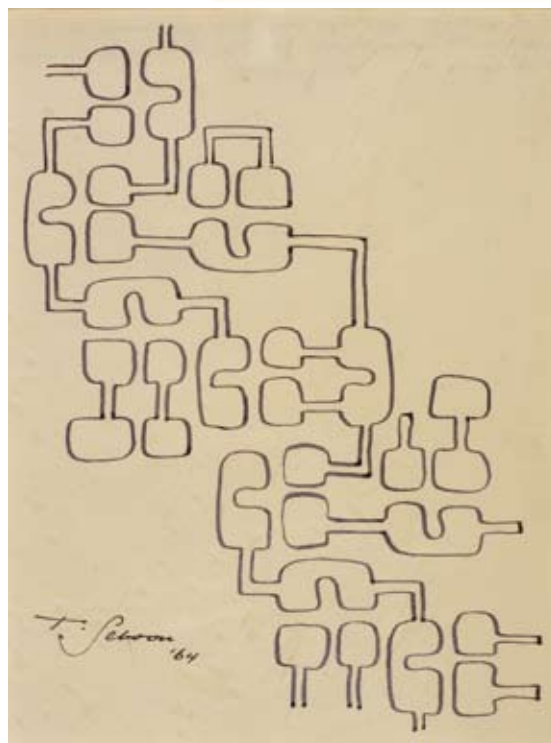
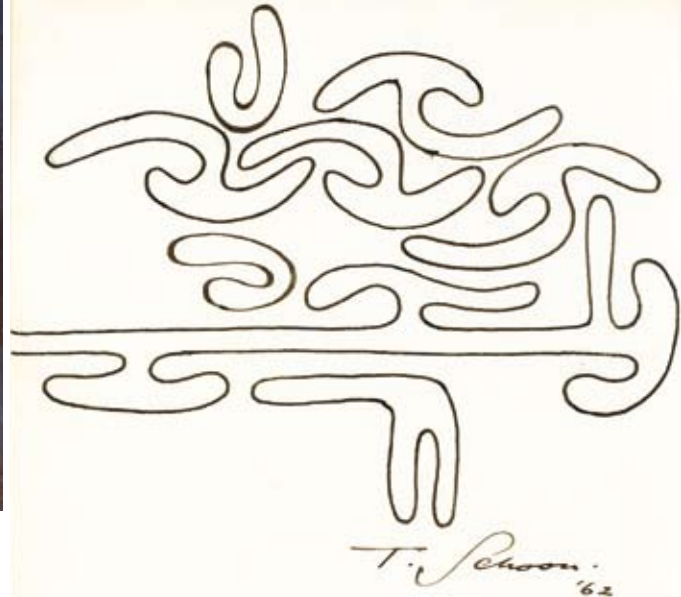
oil on board

signed; title inscribed verso

625 x 1395mm

\$4000 - \$7000





220 | **Louise Henderson**
Abstract
 oil on board, circa 1965
 signed verso
 445 x 600mm
\$4000 - \$6000

221 | **Theo Schoon**
Organic Abstract Study
 ink on paper
 signed and dated '62
 160 x 175mm
\$800 - \$1400

222 | **Edward Bullmore**
Female Nude
 mixed media and collage
 signed and dated 1967
 350 x 530mm
\$4000 - \$6000

223 | **Theo Schoon**
Abstract Study
 ink on paper
 signed and dated '64
 285 x 212mm
\$1000 - \$2000

224 | **Theo Schoon**
Study with Three Gourds
 pastel and ink on paper
 signed and dated '62
 300 x 210mm
\$2000 - \$4000

225 | **Milan Mrkusich**
Untitled – Abstract Study
 ink on paper on board, circa 1949
 signed
 330 x 240mm
\$2000 - \$4000



226

David Armitage

Two Lemons
watercolour
signed and dated '75
210 x 240mm
\$250 - \$400

227

Arthur Haines

Abstract Study
watercolour, circa 1950
260 x 365mm
\$600 - \$900

228

Ivy Copeland

*Still Life with Delphiniums
and Pewter Jug*
watercolour
signed and dated '36
360 x 270mm
\$600 - \$1000

229

Philip Trusttum

Horse and Rider
ink and graphite on paper
signed and dated 1990
195 x 145mm
\$600 - \$900

230

Francis McCracken

In the Studio
pencil on paper, circa 1925
200 x 150mm
\$700 - \$1000

231

Ian Scott

Lattice
acrylic on paper
760 x 560mm: paper size
50 x 50mm: image size
\$300 - \$600





232

Dennis Knight Turner

Rock Drawing Study

ink and watercolour on paper
signed and dated 1951

275 x 190mm

\$2500 - \$4000

233

Dick Frizzell

A Bit of Miro – A Bit of Maori:

Study for the Donaldson Mural

watercolour and gouache on paper
title inscribed, signed and dated

17/1/93

265 x 330mm

\$2500 - \$4000



234

Louise Henderson

Abstract with Green and White
acrylic on canvas
signed and dated '79
990 x 635mm
\$5000 - \$9000



235

Frances Hodgkins

Montreuil
graphite on paper
signed
250 x 315mm
\$7000 - \$12 000



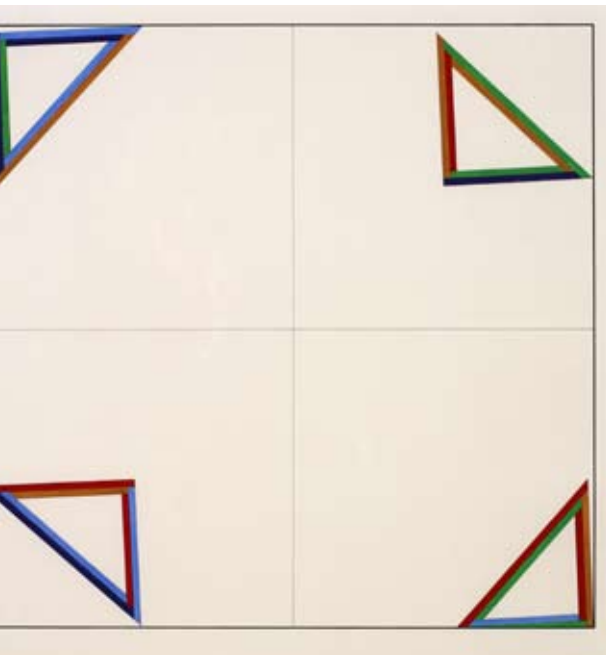


236 | **Philip Truettum**
Abstract Study
 ink on paper
 signed
 160 x 125mm
\$250 - \$400

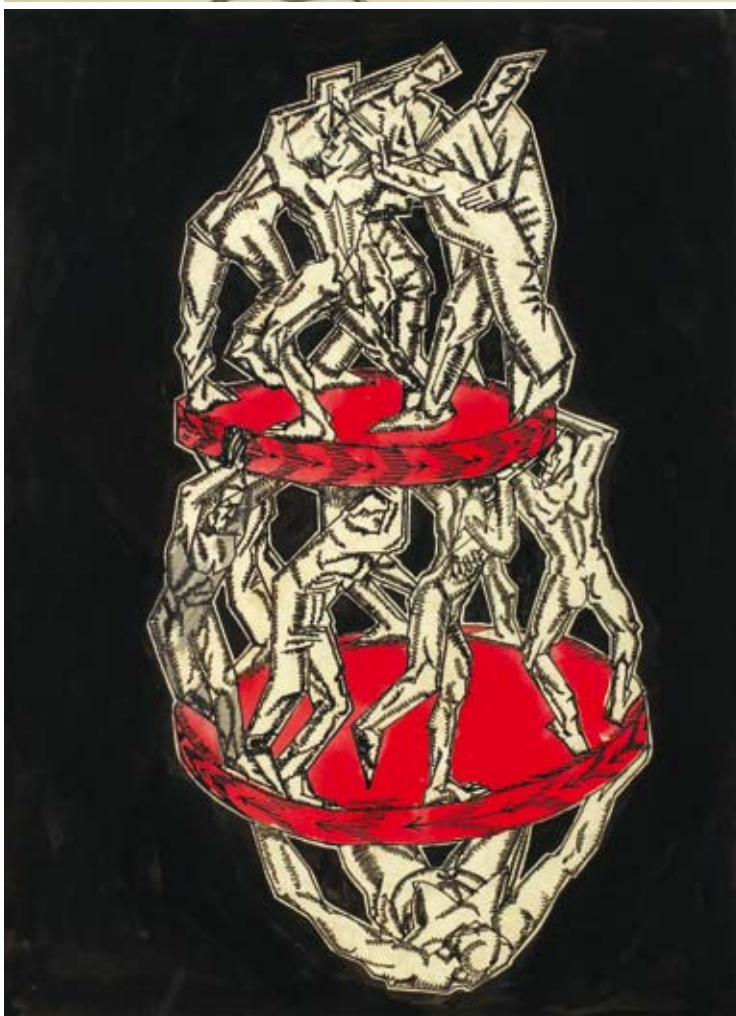
237 | **George Woods**
Marinescape
 mixed media on paper
 title inscribed and signed
 280 x 215mm
\$300 - \$500

238 | **Murray Grimsdale**
*Life Drawing:
 Monday Nights 6:30 - 9:00*
 acrylic on paper
 title inscribed,
 signed and dated 1982
 480 x 390
\$500 - \$800

239 | **Ian Scott**
Lattice
 acrylic on paper
 130 x 130mm
\$400 - \$600



240 | **Gordon Brown**
*Triangled Engender
 (Twin-Line Series 15)*
 acrylic and pen on paper
 title inscribed, signed with artist's
 initials G.B. and dated 1965
 530 x 490mm
\$300 - \$500

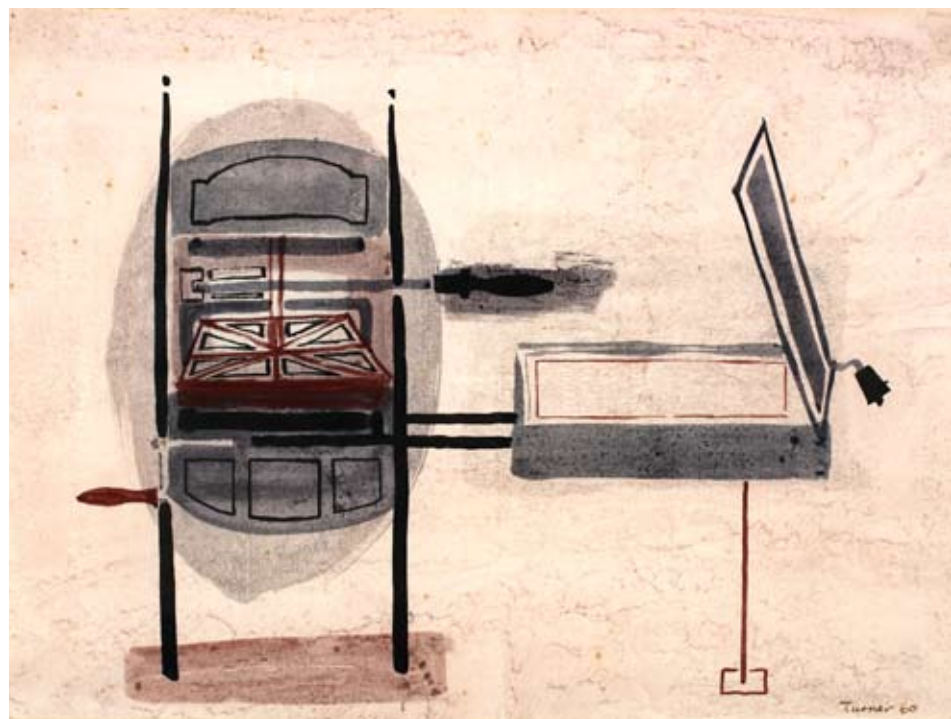


241 | **Dennis Knight Turner**
Study of Rock Designs
 graphite on paper
 260 x 205mm
\$800 - \$1200

242 | **Russell Clark**
Maori Head
 ink and wash on paper
 title inscribed and signed by the
 widow of the artist R.P.Archer, verso
 295 x 120mm
\$1500 - \$3000

243 | **Christopher Perkins**
Chemical Energy
 ink and watercolour on paper
 title inscribed and signed
 360 x 260mm
\$2000 - \$4000

244 | **Eric Lee-Johnson**
In the Freezing Works
 ink on paper
 signed and dated '51
 560 x 360mm
\$800 - \$1400



245

James Turkington
New Zealand Bar Scene
 watercolour, circa 1940
 200 x 755mm
\$2000 - \$4000

246

Dennis Knight Turner
The Clown
 ink on paper
 title inscribed, signed and dated
 1952 verso
 265 x 200mm
\$2000 - \$3000

247

Dennis Knight Turner
The Printing Press
 ink and watercolour on paper
 signed and dated '60
 370 x 490mm
\$1000 - \$2000

248

Patricia France

Still Life in Terracotta Pot

gouache

signed; title inscribed and dated 1984

on original label affixed verso

395 x 415mm

\$1500 - \$2500



249

Ivy Copeland

Still Life with Vase of Flowers

oil on board

signed and dated 1953

600 x 450mm

\$1500 - \$3000



250

Cedric Savage

Still Life with Hibiscus

oil on board

signed

540 x 440mm

\$3000 - \$6000





251

Dennis Knight Turner

Boy No.5

watercolour and ink on paper
signed and dated 1951

200 x 130mm

Exhibited: 'Here There Here',
Sarjeant Gallery Touring Exhibition

\$2000 - \$4000



252

Patrick Hayman

The Crucifixion

oil on board
signed

457 x 358mm

\$4000 - \$6000

253

Sydney Lough Thompson

The Field Worker

oil on canvas

signed

375 x 445mm

\$10 000 - \$20 000

254

Sydney Lough Thompson

Autumn in Hagley Park

oil on board

signed with artist's initials S.L.T.

260 x 335mm

\$7000 - \$10 000





255

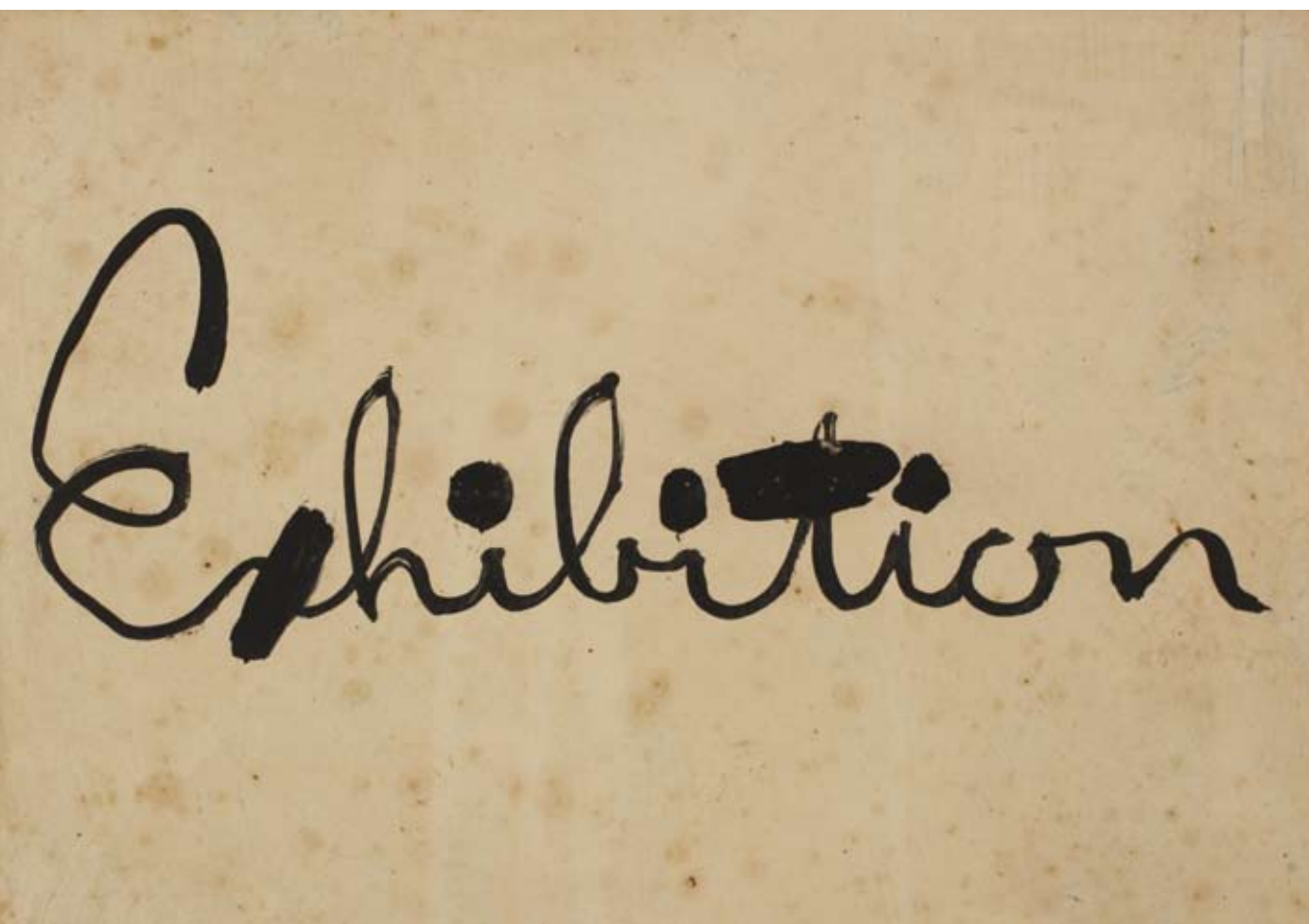
Patrick Hayman

The Birthday Girl
oil and ink on paper,
circa 1960
signed
225 x 285mm
\$1200 - \$2500

256

Dennis Knight Turner

Exhibition
oil on board
title inscribed, signed
on artist's original label affixed verso
200 x 280mm
\$1000 - \$2000



Bestowing 'importance' on certain pictures is a problematic and dangerous game. Either implicitly or explicitly, it serves to elevate certain artists and certain periods of artist's works above others, and is always a subjective exercise. It is even more fraught with a collection such as this in which the whole seems to be far greater than the sum of the parts. Nonetheless we've gone and done it again, hopefully, in a somewhat different and more interesting manner...

One of our favourite paintings in the collection is Charles Tole's *Decoration with Cross* (lot 257). Charles Tole only began painting when he was 40 years old, learning by watching his brother John. John Tole studied under John Weeks and the influence of the teacher is clear on both of their work. Charles was primarily a landscape artist, although on occasions such as this he successfully made the leap into a fully non-objective abstraction. His paintings all share a brooding, corporeal quality derived from Cubism and in *Decoration with Cross*, the heaviness of the Christian Cross seems to weigh large on the devout Christian painter's mind.

Rita Angus is the type of artist who turns up in these categories frequently, always tagged with the major or important moniker. Her place in the New Zealand art historical canon is, of course, forever assured. What sets Angus apart from many of her contemporaries is her ability to deal with such a wide range of subjects, styles and scales; yet at the same time managing to imbue all of these with the same unrelenting honesty. *The Resting Cat* (lot 276) is a delightful watercolour, notable for the assuredness and mastery of the artist's handling of the watercolour medium. Like much of Angus's work it is as much about the rendering of an everyday subject as it is about continued and on-going technical exploration.

Don Driver has never been tied to any one particular art-historical school. Since the 1940s he has consistently pushed the boundaries of art practice, working in isolation in his hometown of New Plymouth. Driver is chiefly regarded for his use of the disparate, the discarded and the unconventional. However, (lot 258) from 1961 showcases another aspect of the artist's oeuvre which many will be unfamiliar with: the artist as abstract painter. It is, put simply, an incredibly beautiful, hermetic modernist painting, concerned with little more than form, colour, shape and line.

Ben Plumbly



257

Charles Tole

Decoration with Cross

oil on board

signed and dated '81;

artist's original exhibition

label affixed verso

605 x 472mm

\$10 000 - \$15 000

258

Don Driver

Untitled

oil on canvasboard

signed and dated '61

900 x 560mm

\$8000 - \$12 000

259

Charles Tole

The Red Vase

oil on board

artist's name and title

printed on original

exhibition label

affixed verso

320 x 425mm

\$2500 - \$4000

260

Allen Maddox

Yellow

oil on canvas, 1993

615 x 615mm

\$5000 - \$8000



261

Theo Schoon

Portrait of Te Rauparaha

graphite on paper, circa 1960

title inscribed; original Rotorua

Art Gallery long term loan

label affixed verso

195 x 155mm

\$1500 - \$3000



262

Russell Clark

Maori Studies (Blue Denims, White Horse)

ink, wash and graphite on paper

inscribed *Blue Denims and White Horse*

265 x 355mm

\$2000 - \$4000





Teki or God

263

Colonel Robert Henry Wynyard

Teki or God

ink and watercolour, 1845

title inscribed and signed with artist's

initials R.H.W.

222 x 185mm

\$8000 - \$14 000



264

Major General Horatio Gordon Robley

Te Kuha

watercolour

title inscribed and signed; title inscribed and
inscribed *Ngaterangi Chief 1864, famous for his*
"moko" and a unique pattern on centre of the nose

verso

250 x 225mm

\$6000 - \$9000



265

Major General Horatio Gordon Robley

Map of Tattooing Moko taken from a Preserved Head
watercolour, circa 1880

signed; inscribed verso *the traffic in baked heads*
was stopped by the government order, Sydney 16th
April 1831

200 x 320mm

\$5000 - \$8000

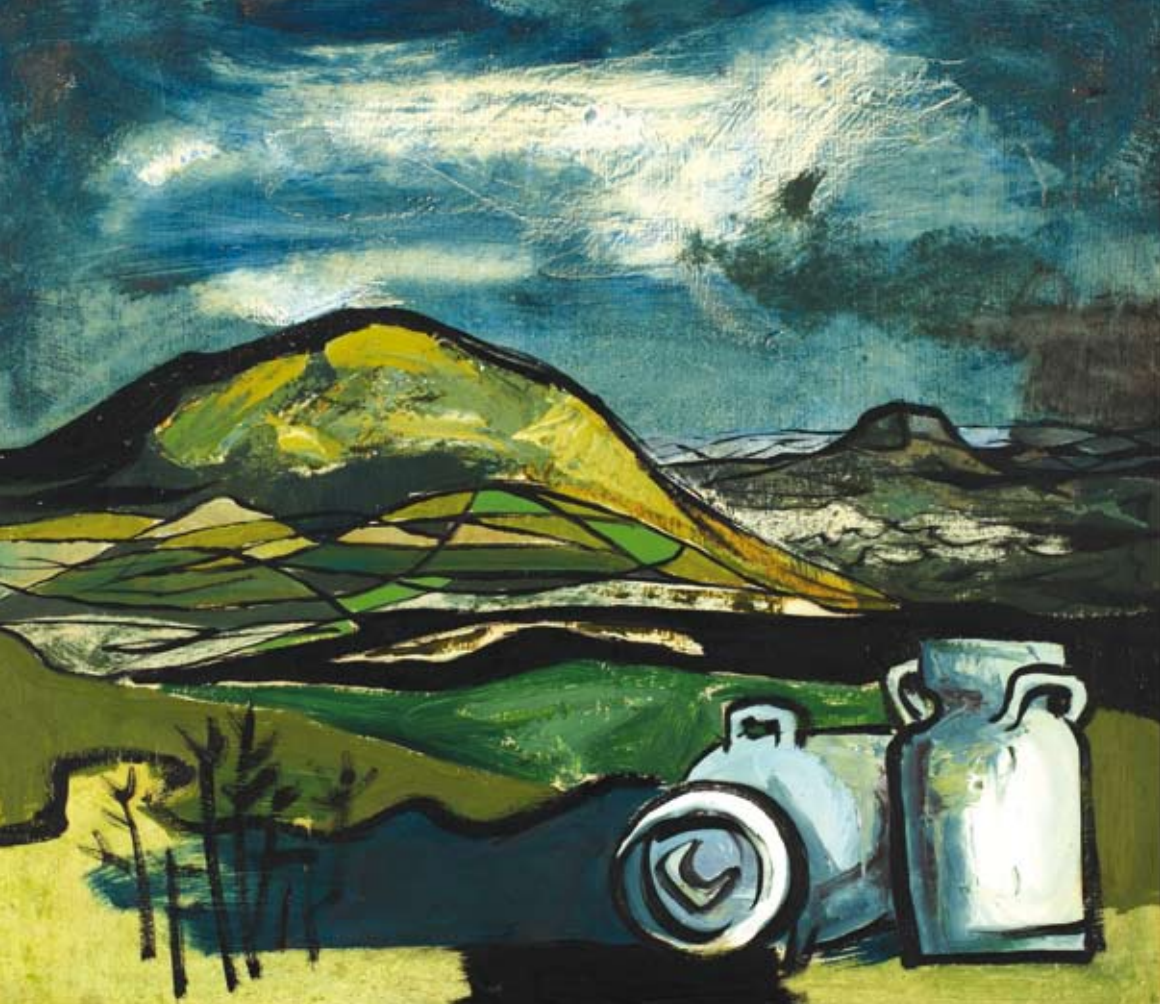


266

Louise Henderson
The Swimmer
 oil on canvas, circa 1960
 signed verso
 650 x 1025mm
\$14 000 - \$22 000

267

Paratene Matchitt
The Carver III
 oil on board
 signed and dated 5/64
 575 x 745mm
\$6000 - \$9000



268

Dennis Knight Turner

Landscape with Cream Cans

oil on board, 1954

title inscribed, signed and dated

July 5, 1954 on original label

affixed verso

527 x 600mm

\$6000 - \$9000



269

Louise Henderson

From the Urewera Series

oil on board, circa 1976

signed

760 x 1010mm

\$10 000 - \$15 000



270 |

Eric Lee-Johnson

Road Through the Landscape

oil on board

signed

880 x 900mm

\$12 000 - \$20 000



271

Louise Henderson

Untitled-Polynesian Girls

oil on canvas

signed verso

595 x 890mm

\$20 000 - \$30 000



272

Christopher Perkins

*Still Life with Irises and
Daffodils*

oil on canvas on board
signed with artist's
initials C.P.

600 x 500mm

\$5000 - \$9000



273

H. Linley Richardson

The Gardener

oil on board
signed

390 x 490mm

\$2000 - \$3000



274

Margot Philips

A Waikato Landscape

oil on board
signed; title inscribed,
signed and inscribed
approx 1965 verso

400 x 575mm

\$4000 - \$6000



275

Frances Hodgkins

Abstracted Buildings

watercolour and gouache on paper, circa 1943

370 x 265mm

Provenance: originally from the collection of the late
Myfanwy Evans and John Piper, United Kingdom

\$15 000 - \$25 000



276

Rita Angus

The Resting Cat

watercolour

signed

120 x 170mm

\$8000 - \$12 000



278

Jeffrey Harris

Figures in an Interior

oil on board

signed and dated

Dunedin 1980

1185 x 1490mm

\$10 000 - \$16 000



277

Jacqueline Fahey

Self-Portrait with Artist's

Palette

oil on board, circa 1948

900 x 435mm

\$5000 - \$8000

the 1990s, the number of people in the UK who are employed in the public sector has increased by 1.5 million, from 2.5 million in 1980 to 4 million in 1995. The public sector has become a major employer in the UK, and its growth has been a major factor in the overall growth of the economy.

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Milan Mrkusich Monochrome Blue (1978)

Milan Mrkusich has always painted deceptively simple paintings. *Monochrome Blue* (1978) is no exception. Painted in the richest and inkiest of blues, its alarming and apparent simplicity is undermined the closer one comes into contact with its beautifully realized surface. From a distance it appears as a deep sea blue, only revealing its innate chromatic complexity upon closer inspection as the stippled surface gives way to depths and layers of darkness, via near-indiscernibly thin layers of paint.

Milan Mrkusich's painting has always been fundamentally architectonic, perhaps stemming from his early vocation as a colour consultant for architectural firm Brenner Associates in the 1950s. *Monochrome Blue* is a tour de force of reductive modernist painting. Painted on cardboard and featured in the artist's retrospective at Auckland City Art Gallery in 1985, its subject is essentially the relationship and interrelationship of the formal or structural elements which make up the painting itself. This has gradually become the case for Mrkusich's paintings since the 1960s as squares, circles, triangles and rectangles increasingly came to provide the structural basis of his paintings. In *Monochrome Blue* the surface is made up of 12 panels, eight smaller squares at the bottom and four larger quadrants on top. Unlike in other related works of the period the squares are incised rather than inscribed, further heightening the structural feel.

Milan Mrkusich has explained his painting process as involving long periods of looking and contemplation. Mrkusich's painting takes its cue from post-war American abstraction which reaches its zenith in the work of artists like Barnett Newman, Mark Rothko and Ad Reinhardt. However, ultimately Mrkusich's modernism is uniquely his own. As William McAloon so lucidly declared, the artist has spent a lifetime 'investigating the immaterial through the material.'

Ben Plumbly

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Milan Mrkusich

Monochrome Blue

acrylic on cardboard

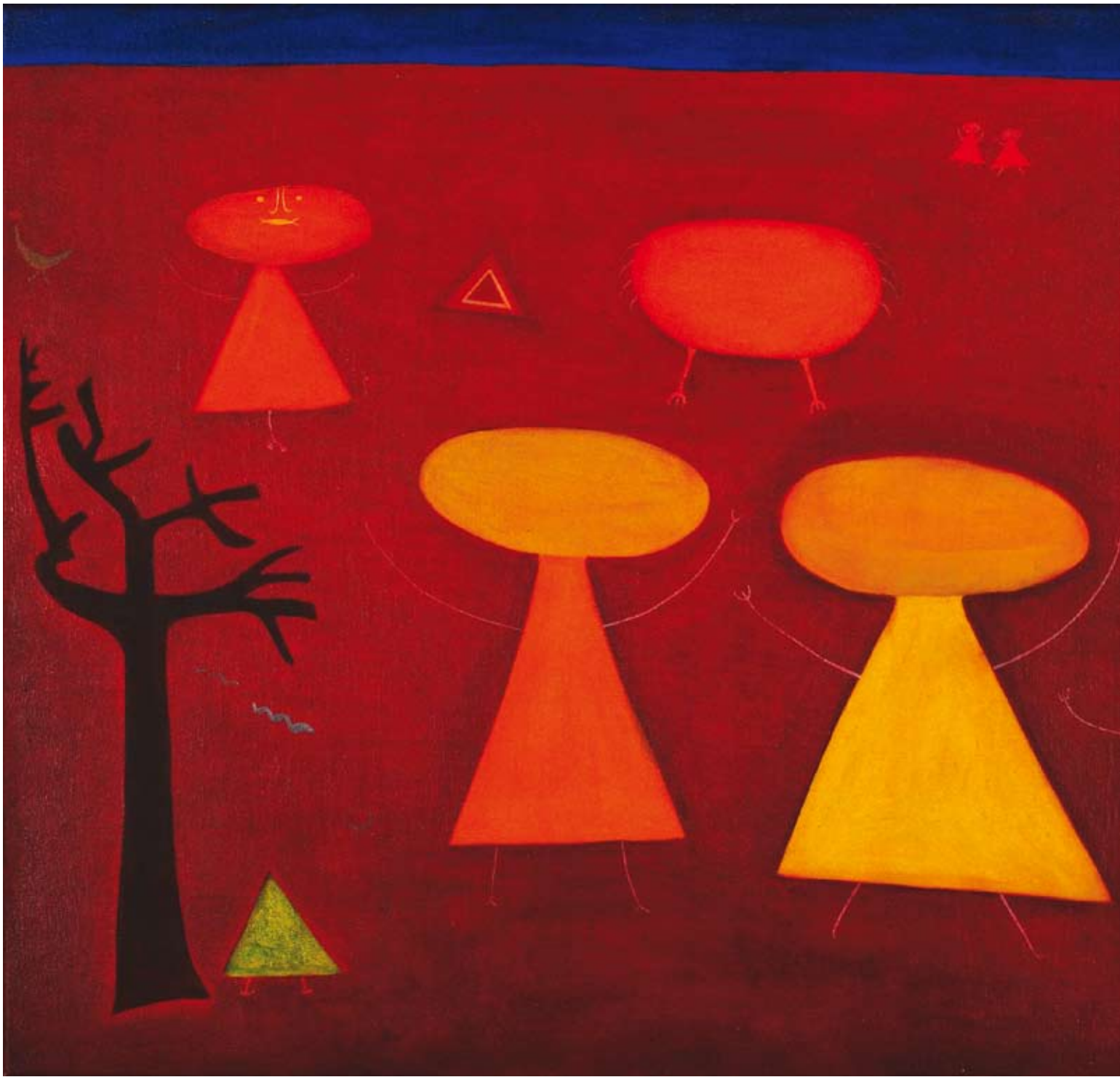
title inscribed, signed and dated 1978 verso

1224 x 808mm

Illustrated: Peter Leech, *Milan Mrkusich: A Decade Further On 1974-1983* (Auckland 1985), p.42.

Exhibited: 'Milan Mrkusich: A Decade Further On 1974-1983', Auckland City Art Gallery, 14 August - 25 September 1985

\$25 000 - \$35 000



280

Michael Illingworth

Tawera Figures in a Landscape

oil on canvas

signed verso

603 x 900mm

\$55 000 - \$75 000



Michael Illingworth

Within New Zealand's art history Michael Illingworth and Tony Fomison are close cousins. Their pakeha modernism sought out cultural essences. But where Fomison's sensibility discerned a darkness - one we might not be able to see directly, nor easily represent, but that shadows our lives and whose effects are figured for us in myth - Illingworth's found something more warm, earthly and human to explore.

In this early, untitled work *Tawera figures in a landscape*, Illingworth paints the land joyfully alive. The earth is a deep, blood red under the darkening sky. Golden figures commune in the moonlight, moving together in circles, perhaps in triangles, as couples. The wiggle of a worm quotes Joan Miró, the geometric oil glow echoes Paul Klee, but the acrobatic fantasies of those painters - who opened up the possibilities this piece takes on - swell into something fleshier. The high horizon firmly grounds the action in whenua, a placental plain of warmth and nourishment.

The generic, gendered characters who populate later paintings of Illingworth's - Mr & Mrs Piss-Quick - appear here prototypically. Their distinctive egg-shaped heads and pyramidal bodies are fully formed, but not settled into the well rehearsed visual vocabulary of the satires of suburbia to come. The looser tumble of block shapes intensifies the evocation to the innocence of children's drawings that the artist - like the European moderns he admired - celebrated and aimed to recapture.

The lightness, though, is not total. The figures' spindly gestures, as they wave to one another from foreground to background through the gloom, are as humanly frail as they are happy, their odd, wide bodies as awkward as they are alive. Aaron Lister and Damian Skinner's catalogue notes Illingworth's idea that his motif, the egg shape is "that which nature has drafted as the shape strongest for protection"* but it is also, of course, a symbol of fragility. This painting celebrates life in a way that is clear sighted yet tender about the clumsiness and transience of biological existence. Embracing mortality, it pictures an altogether more social, sensual place than Colin McCahon's vision of a landscape with 'too few lovers'.

Illingworth harnessed the same hubristic mid-twentieth century version of the urge to generalise that saw anthropologists for a while, for example, hope to postulate universal structures underlying all culture. He was, perhaps, like them, more of his time and place than he was able to see, but his attempts to peel back layers of nurture to reveal raw nature endure in all their own odd, human specificity.

Jon Bywater

* *A Tourist in Paradise Lost: The Art of Michael Illingworth*, City Gallery Wellington, 2001, p.22.



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Doris Lusk

Portrait of Kathleen Davies

oil on board

signed and dated 1959

435 x 385mm

\$8 000 - \$12 000

282

Rita Angus

Portrait of Mary Dunsford,

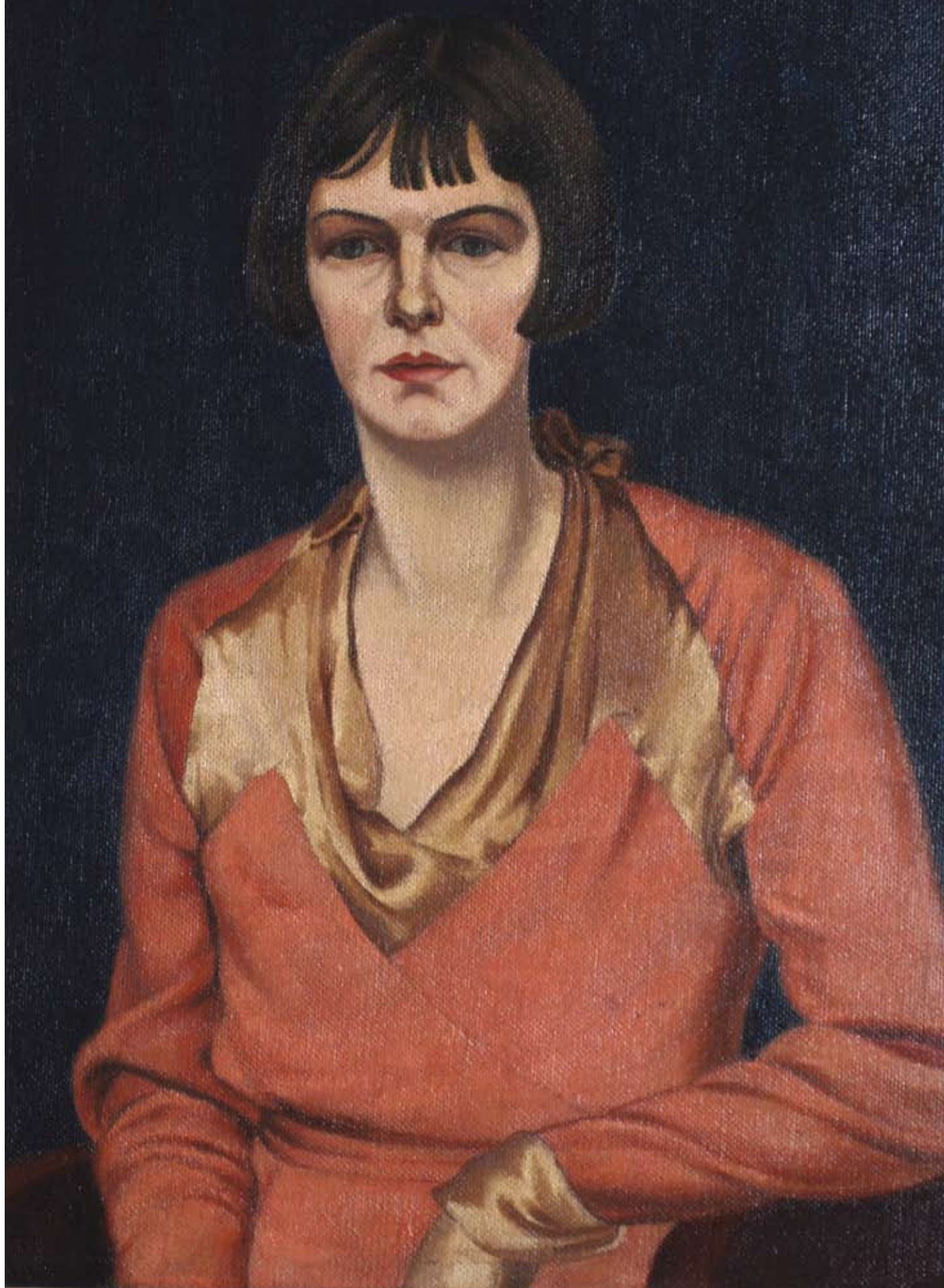
Wife of Leo Bensemann

oil on canvasboard

605 x 440mm

Provenance: Originally in the
collection of the Bensemann Family

\$35 000 - \$45 000





283

Michael Smither

The Three Graces

oil on board, 1968/2003

signed with artist's initials M.D.S.
and dated '03

850 x 1200mm

\$50 000 - \$70 000



Michael Smither

Three Graces began as a commissioned portrait of three New Plymouth sisters, however once completed the girls' mother decided it was not to her liking. Recently Michael Smither revisited the work, adding new ideas and a freshness of vision. What began as a quickly executed portrait is now a richly iconic painting; the sisters have given way to 'three mythical virginal figures'. Intended by the artist to reference various female figures in art history, particularly the three graces.

Often depicted in Renaissance paintings the three graces are figures from Greek mythology – Aglaia, Euphrosyne and Thalia, said to be the companions of Aphrodite, representing beauty, joy and charm. They were often associated with the arts, as it was believed they endowed artists and poets alike with the ability to create beautiful works of art. While the essential components of the painting have remained the same, it is now a smoother, more refined image, the patchy loose brushwork being replaced with Smither's hallmark blending and rounded contours.

Shadows have been developed with the lighting dramatised and sharpened. The women have been brought into focus, the colours of their clothing heightened, their faces given detail and character. Their limbs too are elongated, as they become more statuesque. They have been imbued with aloofness as befits mythical figures, and yet retain a sense of their origins as sisters, a close relationship between three distinctly different characters. When *Three Graces* was begun, Smither was based in New Plymouth and working on domestic scenes featuring his young family. The statuesque figures, bright colouration and interior setting in the subsequent reworking of *Three Graces* are reminiscent of these early works.



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Petrus van der Velden

After the Funeral

oil on canvas

signed; signed verso

1000 x 1700mm

Provenance: Originally in the collection of Rodney Wilson, author of the Petrus van der Velden Catalogue Raisonné. Purchased by Bev and Murray Gow directly from Rodney in 1977.

Illustrated: Rodney Wilson, *Petrus van der Velden, Catalogue Raisonné, Volume 11* (Sydney, 1979) p.32.

Reference: *ibid.*, p12, 16.

Rodney Wilson, 'Petrus van der Velden: The Marken and Otira Series', *Art New Zealand 1*, August 1976, pp.21-23.

\$100 000 - \$150 000



Petrus van der Velden

An elegy to life and death, and an elegy to colour and light, Petrus van der Velden's *After the Funeral* is true to the spirit of the late nineteenth-century Romantic Realist tradition.

The Dutch pioneered marine painting in the seventeenth century. Specialists like Willem van de Velde the Elder (1611-1693) crafted life-like pictures of the heroic force and grace of the sea. Van der Velden, who must have known that he shared the surname of the most famous Golden Age marine painter, executed seascapes with a comparable power, and a similar preoccupation with light and atmosphere. Petrus's works are however very much a part of the nineteenth-century tradition of the sublime landscape, with raw emotional impact driven by stronger tonal contrasts, varied brushwork that sparkles in places, and forceful cropping.

In the 1870s van der Velden was inspired to paint a series of paintings of the small island community of Marken, including several pictures relating to funerals, such as this one. The starkly silhouetted people on board the boat bear the load of death in their strong, dark forms, and accompany the coffin as it makes its way. The destination must be 'homeward', the body back to nature, to the omniscient power of death. But life, and paint, continue to live, in the broad swathe of light above the boat, the verdant greens that flow into the viewer's space in the foreground, as if to say in the battle of life and death, nature wins, but perhaps so too does paint.

Van der Velden's work has special resonance for New Zealanders, since he came here in 1890 and painted and exhibited widely during the 1890s. He is most famous for the dramatic Otira Gorge paintings, such as the awe-inspiring painting at the Dunedin Public Art Gallery.

Van der Velden's work was widely admired in his lifetime. The leader of The Hague school of painters, Josef Israels, invited him to join the group in 1875. Vincent van Gogh championed van der Velden's work, and in a letter to his brother Theo claimed that Petrus 'made a very strong impression on me... my immediate impression was that he was a solid serious painter...' and in another letter Van Gogh called him simply 'a real painter'. This insistence on the real, the truth and power of nature, resonates in this fine example of his painting. His work can be found in the Rijksmuseum, Amsterdam, and is well represented in New Zealand public collections.

– Erin Griffey



Tony Fomison

Tony Fomison's earliest recorded drawings were ethnographic in their genesis. Like Theo Schoon before him, Fomison was fascinated by Polynesian and Maori visual language. In his teenage years he was engaged more by archaeology than art and some of his earliest recorded drawings are in fact tracings of Maori rock cave drawings commissioned by the Historic Places Trust and the Canterbury Museum.

Ian Wedde notes in the catalogue for Fomison's 1994 survey exhibition *What shall we tell them*, 'Together with his meticulous fieldbooks, and his card index of 462 entries with descriptive sketches, the tracings constitute a body of work that has to be read not as secondary to his artistic work as a vital component within that work.'

Fomison's connection with the forms and meaning of Polynesian and Maori art making was an ongoing and profound enquiry. This depth of feeling can be seen throughout his career and culminated in Fomison taking on the Samoan Pe'a body tattoo, the process recorded by photographer Mark Adams in the early 1980s.

Wedde further notes the central and symbolic role played by the cave in Fomison's oeuvre, 'The cave is not a cave, it is a type of thing whose meaning the artist/researcher will interpret for us... certain key signs repeat in variant contexts... The cave itself is the most central of these repetitions, an allegorical form switched through numerous variants: the maze, the crypt, the grave, the window, the birth canal.

Sea Cavern of c.1977 is a dark, mythological scene, one that invites both a literal and a symbolic meaning. The evidence of turmoil, perhaps even the deluge of Biblical times can be seen in the flooded remnant forest and stumps in the foreground. What was once forest has been submerged.

Such scenes can be read as apocryphal today but it must be remembered that Fomison's keen wit could not have missed the obvious connection to the raging debate over the Cromwell gorge flooding which was scheduled at this time to create the Clyde Dam and Lake Dunstan.

This mournful scene is juxtaposed with what must be Fomison's incurable curiosity and desire to read the cave as a repository of wisdom and cultural treasure; available to those who know where and how to look.

The artist here acts as our guide, taking us to the entrance of a forgotten underwater cavern. Who knows what secrets lie within?

– Hamish Coney

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Tony Fomison

Sea Cavern

oil on canvas on board

inscribed #190; title inscribed and

inscribed #190 verso; Elva Bett

blind stamp applied verso

905 x 600mm

\$50 000 - \$70 000



286

Colin McCahon

Madonna with Child and the Angels

oil on linen

2000 x 2860mm

Provenance: Previously in the collection of the late

Rodney Kennedy and on loan to the Hocken Library, Dunedin

Illustrated: Marja Bloem and Martin Browne, *A Question of Faith* (Nelson, 2002), p. 165.

Reference: *ibid*

\$100 000 - \$150 000



Colin McCahon

It might be tempting to dismiss this work as a piece of ephemera. It was painted early in the artist's career as a backdrop to a Dunedin stage production of T.S. Eliot's *Murder in the Cathedral*, a verse play based on the assassination of Archbishop Thomas Becket in Canterbury Cathedral in 1170. Moreover, it is a work of many hands: McCahon's 'workshop assistants' included fellow painter Doris Lusk, Ann Hamblett, soon to become McCahon's wife, and dramaturge Rodney Kennedy, in whose collection the 'backdrop' ended up. Such collaborative practice was not unusual, of course, in Italian Renaissance ateliers. Here McCahon, the principal artist, executed the design, visible in pencil under and between the paint, and seemingly based on images of the Virgin in stained glass windows in the same Canterbury Cathedral. McCahon's hand is also clearly to be found in the faces of the Madonna and angels. His collaborators, as was the Renaissance practice, may have filled in the borders, blocks of colour and touches of gold paint.

But there are good reasons to argue for this painting's significance. What was once a backdrop may now come to the forefront. On two counts: McCahon's interest in and commitment to the theatre and theatre design was lifelong. Theatre design was an opportunity for him to explore and experiment with ideas that might be incorporated into paintings at a later stage. Here he revels in the 'Byzantine iconicity' of this work: the same magnificent frontality and stark simplicity of Byzantine art that we find, for example, in the mosaics in San Vitale in Ravenna. For Byzantine Christians the icon was a true copy of its holy model. Because they depict a holy and infinite presence, not the temporal physical world, icons avoid direct reference to earthly reality, to specific time or place. These timeless and static figures, and the compositional lessons the painter learned here, are precursors to the figures of Mary and angels – such as *The Marys at the Tomb* (1950) – that appear in McCahon's painting in the late 1940s.

Secondly, McCahon's subject matter here is, like Eliot's Christian verse tragedy, religious. One critical response has viewed the re-presentation of religion in McCahon as something incidental that may be set aside, something that may be subject to forgetting and disavowal (as it was by McCahon himself on occasion). On the other hand, for others, commentators and friends, religious experience in McCahon's painting is viewed as constitutive, not merely accidental or external. For McCahon's biographer and friend, Gordon Brown, 'the unifying force' of his paintings 'is the religious attitude of mind' and he notes that 'McCahon sees himself as both a believer and a doubter'. And perhaps the truth of this 'faith' to his subject matter is to be found in the fact that in 1966, 25 years after completing this painting, McCahon wrote on the printed handout he prepared to his painted glass windows for the Chapel of the Sisters of Our Lady of the Missions that he 'wished to help renew the link, now almost broken, between the artist and the Church'.

– Laurence Simmons

NB: This work is reproduced on p. 165 of *Colin McCahon: A Question of Faith*, edited by Marja Bloem and Martin Browne (Nelson: Craig Potton, 2002).



Ralph Hotere

Towards Aramoana

acrylic on board in colonial sash window frame

title inscribed, signed and dated

Port Chalmers '82

1090 x 960mm

Provenance: Purchased by John Gow on behalf
of his parents from Janne Land Gallery,
Wellington in 1983

\$250 000 - \$350 000

Ralph Hotere

Walk on wet sand; in the extreme shallows where water and sand seem one substance until disturbed and forced apart, momentarily, by the weight of your foot. See how quickly the liquefied sand oozes back creating a delicate membrane that erases your footprints. Notice how the glossy sheen bounces your eye off its surface with bright flashes and then just as suddenly lets you glimpse depth. Hotere's slick car-body blacks do the same: they bounce your eyes off, all surface and glare; and then they let you see a whole breath-swallowing night sky, or a dark room, just beyond the glass, lit by a wood stove and warm murmurings.

In 1981 there was a proposal to build an aluminium smelter on top of the Aramoana salt marsh, near the mouth of the long harbour that flows towards Port Chalmers and Dunedin. Looking northeast from his former Port Chalmers studio, Hotere's view took in the fragile Aramoana sand spit and salt marsh, pathway to the sea. His was a constant view *Towards Aramoana*. His eyes knew it; his feet knew its grain and pulse; his hands and belly knew its shellfish; his lips knew its saltiness. In the painting it as if Hotere is drawing a line in the sand which says 'Enough!' It is a line in blood under the right hand axis of the cross, just like the Aramoana sand spit juts out into the harbour.

The smelter consortium erected a large sign on the salt marsh to mark its intentions. Cilla McQueen later described how one evening she and Hotere drove to the place with a bucket of black paint which Hotere sloshed all over the sign. The memory of this sign and the artist's gesture are emphatically declared in the top right corner of *Towards Aramoana*. The central cross repeats the action, making a double cancellation of the salt marshes by the smelter; and of the smelter by those who rallied to oppose it. The black window is a memorial to imminent loss and a prophetic warning.

Though the Aramoana series reference a particular landscape, they are not really landscapes. They are brooding, angry and reflective gestures. With all their scratching and crosses and text they are eloquent visual poems to thought. They are about thought, and they are thought in action; and all the more powerful because of their colour. What is the right colour for incredulity, anger, determination, indignation? And within these, what is the colour for hope that must persist? Surely, it is black.

– Rob Garrett

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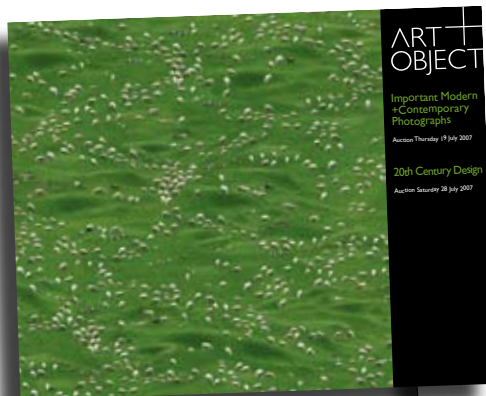
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