

Dolan's showcases wide range of works

Two lots in Dolan's forthcoming sale neatly bookend a century. The first is a collection of photographs showing the heady days of the first planes that took to the skies.

There is Captain HC Baird in various early aircraft around 1912, and also in a Supermarine Sea Lion aircraft winning the Schneider Cup in 1922, plus an image of pioneering aviator Mrs Cheridah de Beauvoir Stocks, one of the first women to gain a pilot's license (€180-€250). The second is John Schwatschke's vision of less optimistic times, Bankers, a forlorn depiction of ten lost souls adrift in a boat called Nama (€1,800-€2,500), an image that deserves to be seared on our memories.

Dolan's fourth sale in Limerick offers 280 works by artists including Markey Robinson, Arthur K Maderson, Martin Mooney, John Kingerlee, Ivan Sutton and Norman Teeling. All are at affordable prices, with the majority to be sold without reserve

Headline lots by contemporary artists include an exquisite oil by Kenneth Webb, Summer Glow on the Bog. It has an estimate of €3,000 to €5,000, a conservative sum given recent results at Whyte's, where two of his works fetched €7,000 and €10,000.



This photograph of a Supermarine Southampton flying boat is in Dolan's sale

Mark O'Neill's little Brown Jug and Cherries has an estimate of €2,800 to €3,500, while notable flower paintings include a number by Martin Mooney and also by Mat Grogan, plus Tulips in a Black Jug by Jack Donovan, who as headmaster of Limerick School of Art from 1962 to 1978 numbered John Shinnors among his pupils.

For lovers of less traditional art there are three watercolours from Charles Harper's graphic Heads series, Garryowen Heads, Nude and Gravy Heads, with estimates of €400 to €600, and a selection from the Graham Knuttel ark which includes cats, birds, sheep and fish.

Harking back to Ireland of old are two charming wooden models by DW Dutton, Wheelbarrow and Plough, each with an estimate of €180 to €250.



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Dolan's Art Auction will take place on March 28th at the Carlton Castletroy Park Hotel, Limerick. www.dolansart.com