

AUCTION
CATALOGUE
2023

mid-winter spectacular



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THE SUTER
ART GALLERY

INTRODUCTION:

All the money raised from this auction will be put toward new acquisitions for the permanent collection of The Suter. All auction items have been generously donated 100% which we acknowledge with gratitude.

We invite you to enjoy this event and encourage you to bid with enthusiasm in the knowledge that your donation will become a lasting legacy, benefitting the Gallery and its visitors for generations to come.

We thank and acknowledge our auctioneer for this event Ben Plumbly, Director of Art+Object: the 21st Century Auction House.

The dinner and auction we dedicate to the memory of Sari Hodgson, a former Chair of The Suter and with her husband Neil the organisers of The Suter WineArt Degustation Dinners and auctions, the precursors to tonight's special event.

Steve Green
Bishop Suter Trust Chair

Cover: detail Euan Macleod, *Bike Summer* 17/10/2022

CONDITIONS OF SALE:

The highest bidder will be the purchaser subject to the auctioneer accepting the winning bid and any reserve being reached. No bids may be retracted. Absentee bids can be presented. There is no buyer's premium added or GST as all items have been 100% donated.

Successful bidders are required to make full payment immediately after the auction. Payment can be made by Eftpos, cash or credit card; Mastercard or Visa only.

Most lots can be uplifted on the night and will be made ready for your collection.

Thank you for your generous support.

Auction Date

Friday 21 July, 2023

Auction Lots

Note: measurements are given in millimetres (mm), expressed as height x width x depth

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Sounds Like a Party



Share with friends and family, delicious artisan cheese from Little River Estate in Upper Moutere, (wheel of creamy brie and a slab of multi gold and trophy medal-winning cheese "Mount Richmond") accompanied by six bottles of top-flight Nelson Pinot Noir, a combination described as the perfect match!

Little River Estate craft their delicious and award-winning sheep and cows' milk cheeses in the Neudorf Valley, against the backdrop of the Mt Arthur Range.

Nelson Pinot Noir is the perfect winter indulgence, known for its nod to the Old World. Abundant with notes of dark red cherries and savoury umami elements supported by fine, elegant tannins, Nelson Pinot has deep complexities that complement any winter dish. Serve with rare BBQ'd venison, wild mushroom risotto or simply fireside. This collection from the Moutere Hills and Waimea Plains is ready to drink now but will happily cellar for the next 5 – 10 years.

Presented in a basket with tasting notes for the wines.

Buyer's Guide: \$400 - \$500

Donated by Little River Estate, Blackenbrook Vineyard, Flaxmore Vineyards, Greenhough Wines, Moutere Hills Vineyard, Neudorf Vineyards and Seifried Estate.

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**Euan
Macleod
*Bike
Summer***

Euan Macleod (b. 1956, New Zealand, lives in Australia)
Bike Summer, 17/10/2022
Acrylics on paper; image 380 x 580mm, 510 x 705mm framed

Euan Macleod is a widely acknowledged artist within both the New Zealand and Australian art worlds. He graduated with a Diploma in Fine Arts from the University of Canterbury in 1979, and he has been living in Sydney since 1981, where he won Australia's most prestigious painting award, The Archibald Prize. His connections with New Zealand remain strong, as a source for his subject matter and through regular exhibitions.

His expressionist paintings frequently include figures, conjured up with rapid but deft brushstrokes. Sometimes they are also about place, in this artwork we can imagine that place as perhaps being Tahunanui, but nearly always his paintings are pictorial metaphors for states of mind and the human condition.

Buyer's Guide: \$4,000 - \$5,000

Donated by the artist. euanmacleod.com

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Embark on an idyllic escape to Golden Bay



Drift Off Grid, Kiwi Spirit Distillery experience, Greenstone Gin;
Dada Manifestó meal & *Down the Bay*

Enjoy a fabulous weekend in Golden Bay; Drift Off Grid glamping overlooks Tata Beach at the northern end of the Abel Tasman coast track, combining stunning ocean views, outdoor baths, native bush and luxury linen. It's the perfect place to unwind and reconnect over two nights anywhere between May and September. Adding to your experience is a \$100 voucher for lunch or dinner at Dada Manifestó, located in an old villa on Commercial St in Takaka. The menu focuses on shared plates featuring local specialities and exciting cocktails.

Visit Kiwi Spirit on the journey into Takaka and taste some of their many varieties of gin at this family owned and operated distillery using quality natural ingredients. Your bottle of Greenstone Gin is a starting point for experiencing their range of local liqueurs, gins, whiskey and tequila.

And for further adventuring, read all about what a special place Golden Bay is with your copy of *Down the Bay: A Natural and Cultural History of Abel Tasman National Park*, by Golden Bay-based author Philip Simpson.

Buyer's Guide: \$1,500 - \$2,000

Donated by Drift Off Grid, Kiwi Spirit Distillery, Dada Manifestó and Potton & Burton Publishing.

Christopher Aubrey



Christopher Aubrey (b. 1830 - c. 1902)

Untitled Pastoral scene, 1902

Oils on canvas board; image 210 x 340mm, framed size 340 x 475mm

A delightful pastoral scene by respected colonial artist Christopher Aubrey. He was active as an artist from the 1860s, itinerant, he never stayed long in any one place and as a consequence his paintings depict landscapes and settlements the length and breadth of New Zealand. His scenes are interesting for showing the changes and 'improvements' being made as land was cleared for farming, mining or the establishment of townships.

Buyer's Guide: \$1,500 - \$2,500

Gifted by the Harley Family, to raise funds for collection care.

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An Evening of Indulgence at Pihopa Retreat



Pihopa Retreat offers a luxurious night away for a very lucky couple. This 5 Star boutique accommodation is set in 5.5 acres of park-like gardens, the site once part of the original Nelson Diocese Estate. Your suite is large and spacious with every amenity you need for relaxing. Unwind beside the fire or spend some time exploring the beautiful gardens, woodland and stunning heritage-listed Chapel of Holy Evangelists built in 1877.

Join your hosts in the evening for pre-dinner drinks and canapés before being taken to The Boat Shed Cafe for a delectable dinner. Your stay includes a delicious, cooked breakfast in the old Bishop's Residence.

Pihopa Retreat has been named the Urban Retreat Accommodation Provider of the Year in the Corporate LiveWire Innovation & Excellence Awards 2023 and The Best Urban Retreat Accommodation - South Island in The APAC Insider Business Awards 2022 as well as featuring on TVNZ's Lap of Luxury recently.

Conditions: The prize is available for two people and must be taken before October 2023.

Buyer's Guide: \$2,000 +

Donated by Pihopa Retreat & The Boat Shed Cafe.



Grant Palliser

Grant Palliser *Powelliphanta*, 2009

Cast bronze, maps and wood; 1800 x 500 x 500mm ('footprint')

Known locally for his public sculptures around Nelson including the *Seafarers Memorial* on the Nelson waterfront and the large bronze hand "*Oracle- the future is in our hands*" outside the Stoke Library.

Grant comments that like *Oracle*, "*Powelliphanta* references the cost of progress", hence he has combined a tripod, its legs collaged with Lands & Survey maps of the Nelson ranges, topped with a cast bronze Powelliphanta snail - standing at a taller than human height. The artist is referencing surveying which often signals changes in land use and the effects this has on species unique to Aotearoa. Powelliphanta are remarkable land-dwelling carnivorous snails, found only in New Zealand, their habitat now restricted to remote areas.

Although these snails can be found in the Nelson, Tasman and West Coast regions, they are at great risk from introduced predators, exotic vegetation replacing native forests and other habitat changes.

Activities such as mining mean that some species of Powelliphanta are now critically endangered.

Buyer's Guide: \$2,500 - \$3,000

Donated by the artist.

Juliana Trolove



Juliana Trolove
Breaker Bay, 2023

Oil on canvas, 800 x 800mm; framed

Juliana Trolove is a Nelson-based artist known for her lively and colourful paintings. This painting depicts the beautiful golden sand beach of Breaker Bay, just over the hill from Kaiteriteri.

Exhibiting her signature style of a rich colour palette and thickly applied impasto paint, with “brushstrokes that are honest and strong” Juliana captures a sunny, but slightly breezy day with bathers enjoying the sun and sea. “Hopefully my love of the subject matter is reflected in the outcome.”

Buyer's Guide: \$4,500 - \$5,500

Donated by the artist.



Mandy Gargiulo

Mandy Gargiulo *Wave Vessel, 2023*

Wheel-thrown, hand-decorated porcelain with blue interior glaze, 160mm h x 160mm diameter

Mandy's exquisite hand-built ceramic vessels are inspired by nature, particularly flowers, leaves and marine life. The exterior surfaces of this vessel comprises hundreds of petals, their three-dimensionality contrasting with the smooth glossy glazed interior. Her clay of choice is porcelain, highly regarded for its delicacy, strength and white colour, properties she exploits to "celebrate the beautifully perfect imperfection of nature".

Mandy's unique pieces have been catching the eye of ceramic exhibition selectors, judges and collectors. In 2022 Mandy's piece *Takaroa's Hinaki* won the People's Choice Award at the prestigious Portage Ceramics Awards in Auckland. This is but one of many successes and accolades received over the past 5 years including being the Supreme Award recipient in the 2018 Ceramics New Zealand Expressive Ceramics Exhibition.

Buyer's Guide: \$1,500 +

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A Gully Duo: wall art and wearable art



John Gully (b. England 1819 d. Nelson NZ 1888)

Untitled - Southern Sound

Watercolour; image 230 x 330mm; 390 x 480mm framed with non-reflective conservation glass

Zoe Buchannan

John Gully inspired brooch, 2011, Silver

Gully emigrated to New Zealand in 1852, and with his family settled in Nelson in 1860 purchasing a house at 407 Trafalgar Street South. He briefly taught drawing at Nelson College, before obtaining a role as a draughtsman at the Nelson Provincial survey office, through his friend politician and amateur painter James Crowe Richmond. They travelled together on many painting expeditions in the South Island. In the field, he made pencil sketches and quick wash drawings, and once back in his studio, he would develop his watercolour paintings. He exhibited in art society exhibitions in New Zealand and his very large watercolours of New Zealand landscapes were featured in New Zealand's pavilions in major international exhibitions.

Bishop Suter after whom the gallery is named, was a patron and supporter of Gully. The Bishop's collection of Gully paintings became the foundation of The Suter Art Gallery's collection

This watercolour is likely to be a southern sound, capturing the atmospheric and sublime grandeur of the scenery; the brooch, by locally-based jeweller Zoe Buchannan contains a detail from a Gully painting framed in a silver surround.

The painting reverse has a clipping from 1976 about Gully.

Buyer's Guide: \$2,500 - \$3,000

Gifted by the Harley Family, to raise funds for collection care; J Catchpole.



Tour the USA through cocktails

Gay Hervey and Bob Schmuke invite 6 people to experience 4 classic American cocktails made by master mixologist Bob.

Bob will give you a short history of each drink and match it with a canapé from the territory. Dawdle out on the deck to see Nelson at sunset, glass in hand.

You choose four from the list of six on offer – for example Key West Daiquiri with spicy shrimp or Hawaii Maitai with Lulu chicken. You get the idea.

An outstanding geography lesson in the glass.

Buyer's Guide: \$600 - \$1,000

Donated by Gay Hervey and Bob Schmuke.

Georgina Hoby-Scutt



Georgina Hoby-Scutt
Maitai River, after the autumn rain, 2023
Acrylic on board; Image 600 x 600mm; framed 640 x 640mm

Georgina is based in Nelson and this painting is from a very recent series. She comments

"I often walk the river path along the Maitai. It is a source of great inspiration for me; ever-changing with the light, the flow of the river and the seasonal turn of the leaves. This particular painting is from a series of photos taken on the stretch between the Clouston and nearby Aratuna Normanby Bridge. Images were taken after a night of rain. The trees were dripping; the colours were bright and clear.

The forms are simplified to emphasise the celebration of colour and light."

This is a rare opportunity to acquire one of her sought-after paintings - her solo exhibition at The McKee Gallery in The Suter was an instant sell-out!

Buyer's Guide: \$2,000 - \$3,000

Donated by the artist.



Wine Masterpiece

Neudorf Moutere Chardonnay 2014 was the first wine Bob Campbell ONZM Master of Wine, gave 100 points to in his illustrious career of over 100,000 tasting notes, a score he has only given twice since.

"It's as good as some of the best white burgundy I've tasted. I love the wine's impressive power. I love the way it delivers an array of citrus, chalky mineral, brioche and spicy oak flavours with consummate subtlety. I am sure that the wine will gain stature with age, but it offers great drinking now. Chardonnay with the "X" factor."

On release, this wine sold out in less than a week and hasn't been available since October 2015. This is an exclusive release from Tim and Judy Finn's personal cellar.

Buyer's Guide: \$ Inestimable

Donated by Neudorf Vineyards.

Ewan McDougall

Ewan McDougall (b. Wellington 1948, lives in Dunedin)

Happy As, 2023

Oil on canvas, 910 x 1223mm

Ewan's brilliantly coloured paintings reflect a zest for life and his interest in music. In his university days he moonlighted as a drummer in rock bands and in recent times has collaborated with jazz and classical music composers, he's even morphed his neo-expressionist painting with Virtual Reality.

He describes himself as an Expressionist painter, rarely pre-planning, he commences a painting

"With a quick wash of strong, primary colour and then begin to hurriedly paint figures- people, animals and hybrid creatures. I add crude marks for volcanoes, hills, sea, buildings, boats, clouds, sun and moon, working with vibrant impasto.... The last stroke is always the title. Above all I prize spontaneity, colour and a good dose of irony."

Ewan has exhibited extensively in Aotearoa and overseas and is represented in public and private collections.

Buyer's Guide: \$9,000 - \$10,000

Donated by the artist.





Euan Macleod

Trio of paintings

Euan Macleod (B. 1956, New Zealand, lives in Australia)

i. Alma Bay dark figure, late afternoon, 19/07/2022

ii. Rain Lyttelton, 2022

iii. Clouds & figures, and skateboard, 28/11/2022

Acrylics on paper; each image 380 x 580mm, 510 x 700mm framed

This trio of works epitomise Euan Macleod's style and subject matter; and his ability to render figures in motion within landscapes; wandering, striding, bathing, sitting beside fires or in contemplation, some morphing into elements of the scene. Is the cloud a recumbent figure too?

The figure can be read as the artist himself or as a representation of humanity, states of mind and the human condition. Author and curator Gregory O'Brien writes that Macleod's "work is a journey, part of a continuum, a constantly evolving self-portrait". Yet as Macleod often works en plein air they might also be friends, family, fellow artists or passersby that have caught his eye.

Buyer's Guide: \$12,000 - \$15,000

Donated by the artist.

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Fish taken to the next level



We all love fishing but not all know how to fillet, brine and prepare fish. Then how to cook it.

Keen fishermen Kevin Hopgood and Aaron Ballantyne from Hopgood and Co., with help from the NMIT Rata Room commercial kitchen will share their fish secrets with your special group of 10 people. The lesson is followed by a fish feast by Nelson cooking elite.

It will be on a Sunday and yes, there will be wine – Spain's famous Albarino is a deliciously apt wine to drink alongside all seafood.

An afternoon to remember with a bunch of your mates.

No shopping, no hassles, no stress. Just a superb experience with Kevin and Aaron at the helm.

Buyer's Guide: \$2,000 +

Donated by Hopgood and Co., AquaFresh Products Limited and Rata Room, NMIT.



Kevin Judd: A taste of Marlborough

Kevin Judd

Taylor View Track, Wither Hills, Marlborough I, March 2023

Taylor View Track, Wither Hills, Marlborough II, March 2023

Colour photographs, editioned prints 450 x 510mm image

Magnums of Greywacke Wild Sauvignon 2020 and Greywacke Pinot Noir 2019

Kevin Judd is one of Marlborough's pioneer winemakers, beginning his NZ winemaking career in 1985 as Cloudy Bay's founding and chief winemaker, before establishing his own label Greywacke in 2009. Greywacke Wild Sauvignon 2021 is, he comments "our signature wine from an outstanding vintage" and a magnum of Pinot Noir 2020 are part of this Lot.

Kevin has also developed a parallel career in photography, with his evocative images appearing in publications worldwide as well as in his own books, portraying the incredible and unique landscapes that produce some of the world's finest wines. These two images were taken during walks in Marlborough's Wither Hills Farm Park on the 22nd and 25th of March 2023 and include sections of the Taylor View track.

Fellow acclaimed landscape photographer Craig Potton comments "Kevin's photographs are as clean, clear and austere as the Marlborough land he inhabits. He has a wonderful sense of colour and balance in his compositions. More than likely all of us have seen the eastern skies he makes images of in these 2 photographs, but only an artist of Kevin's calibre can capture that moment, and that light to make images as beautiful as these."

Buyer's Guide: \$2,000 - \$3,000

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