



Scottish Paintings (584)

Thu, 5th Dec 2019, Edinburgh

Viewing Times:

Sun 1 December 12pm - 4pm
Mon 2 December 10am - 5pm
Tues 3 December 10am - 5pm
Wed 4 December 10am - 5pm
Thurs 5 December 9am - 2pm

Lot 145

Estimate: £6000 - £9000 + Fees

§ Anne Redpath O.B.E., R.S.A., A.R.A., L.L.D., A.R.W.S.,
R.O.I., R.B.A. (Scottish 1895-1965) STILL LIFE - THREE
TOMATOES

Signed, oil on board

30.5cm x 34.5cm (12in x 13.5in)

Provenance: Mercury Gallery, Edinburgh 1986

Note:

Celebrated as one of the most important figures in 20th century Scottish painting, Anne Redpath became one of Edinburgh College of Art's most highly-commended students. After receiving a travelling scholarship in 1919, Redpath embarked on an extended period of study in Brussels, Bruges, Antwerp and Paris, where her work took on varied influences such as Rogier van der Weyden, Duccio and Ambrogio Lorenzetti. Redpath's focus on early Italian art was not uncommon amongst her peers and her interest extended even further to Etruscan work. This interest is evident in her brushwork, especially throughout her earlier career, resembling that of fresco, albeit in oil.

In October 1920, Redpath married architect James Beattie Michie and moved to France where she continued to paint, though much of her life became devoted to raising her three sons: Alastair, Lindsay and David. Painted during her time in France, *Windmills at the Pas de Calais* is a fine example of one of Redpath's favourite subjects. The scene is bright, fresh and sunny; an Impressionist influence can be seen in her application of colour and texture. In contrast, *Mediterranean Village* is an example of Redpath's later work. Deliberate splashes and scratches of white paint renders the scene more abstract, but no less beautiful. In *In a Church, St. Paul*, her brushwork becomes intricate, layered and focused in its application to reveal a symphony of detail, with Redpath utilising visible texture to emphasise the surface of the building itself.

Redpath's still life paintings are equally as exquisite; *Still Life of Three Tomatoes* utilises a flatter surface, exploring the dimensional aspect of her subjects, not with brushwork, but with colour. *Dried Flowers*, on the other hand, does both; here Redpath leans into a more abstract technique.

The variation, talent and vibrancy of Redpath's work is well demonstrated by the pieces presented in this December's auction. Redpath evolved beyond her influences to become an artist vital to the 20th century Scottish artistic tradition, and her work continues to be held in the highest esteem.