



## 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 48

**Estimate:** £10000 - £15000 + Fees

**George Henry R.A., R.S.A., R.S.W. (Scottish 1858-1943)**  
**Girl with Straw Hat**

Signed and dated 1891, oil on canvas

51cm x 46cm (20in x 18in)

**Note:** A painting entitled *Girl with straw hat* was exhibited at the Royal Scottish Academy 1893, no.99

### Note:

A prominent member of the Glasgow Boys, George Henry is remembered for his stylistic form of portraiture. In the late 1880s, Henry was experimenting with decorative effects, moving towards a symbolist intensity of colour and pattern. This is shown in *Girl in a Straw Bonnet* by the use of very few, dramatic colours - notably the splashes of blue through the leaves. The use of sunlight, shade and heavy, uniform brushwork for the figure and foliage are a very distinctive characteristic. In contrast, the intricate brushwork on the bonnet, evoking straw, is an effective juxtaposition with the simplicity of the fresh, white broad brush of the muslin shawl. It is interesting to see Henry's use of light and shade on the subject's face. The onlooker is left questioning the facial features of the sitter.

*Girl in a Straw Bonnet* is a rare and fine example of George Henry's work painted at the height of his artistic career.