



SPRING NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2008

THE MARKET

Despite the downturn in the economy the art market has received very good press this year. The art market is one of the few markets which has held up in an economy under siege no less. Gallery sales have held up so far compared to last year. It is heartening to hear of strong sales for art internationally against economic woes similar to those experienced here. A Fernand Leger painting recently sold in New York for over 50 million New Zealand dollars, a Damien Hurst for even more. Record prices for many other artists have also been achieved this year. We are experiencing consistent sales overseas, particularly to the USA and Europe and although the international market is also under severe pressure, the exchange rate still favours the overseas buyer.

LOCAL SALES

We have negotiated three large sales to public institutions recently which include a major Robyn Kahukiwa to the Auckland City Art Gallery and a second work of Robyn's to the Gisborne Museum. A fine Nigel Brown has also sold to the Waikato Museum. Liam Barr's work, Ten Cent Mix, from his latest exhibition "Grand-Land" has just sold to a top private Auckland school.

REVIEWS

Gallery artists continue to receive favourable reviews with the most recent being Viky Garden and Liam Barr by New Zealand Herald Arts Page reviewer, T.J. McNamara. There are still a couple of Liam Barr and Viky Garden works available at the time of writing. (Please see images below).



Liam Barr *Queen of King Country* 2008 Oil on linen 1010 x 840mm



Liam Barr *Tane* 2008 Oil on linen 1010 x 840mm



Viky Garden *New World Virtues III* 2008 Oil/acrylic jute, 800 x 1200mm

UPCOMING SHOWS

April Shin - *At Dusk*

Preview 30th September - 1st - 11th October 08



Houses in the Valley, Browns Bay, 2008, 600 x 800mm

Nigel Brown - *"Lamp"*

Preview 14th October - 15th October - 8th November 08



Illuminate, 2007 Acrylic on board, 600 x 800mm

Nigel Brown has a fine show in October based on McCahons Lamp used in his paintings in the early 1950's. The majority of these paintings are sized around 800 x 600mm and priced between \$7,500 and \$8,500. Images of these works are available and we will be pre-selling this show. Contact the gallery early if you are interested.



Lamp Table, 2007-2008 Oil on canvas, 600 x 800mm

NEWS



Rozi Demant (centre) at the opening of her exhibition in Santa Monica

Rozi Demant achieved a very successful sell out show in California where her work has reached a pinnacle in this genre. The giclee prints were exhibited in New Zealand and are selling steadily.

Philippa Blair based also in L.A. has been included in several group shows including a show in Taiwan. Philippa is also included in a show at the Suter Gallery this year.

A painting by **Jenny Rendall** Tamatea is included in an exhibition at TePapa Museum running from July until January 2009.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Artist Talk

Nigel Brown features with poet and musician Denys Trussell and choreographer Alison East at the "Spring Series", part of the public programme at Auckland Art Gallery.

Nigel, Denys and Alison will talk about their current work, upcoming exhibitions and also their landmark collaboration in the 1980's, with a subsequent further collaboration in 2004, "Dance of the Origin".

Date: Saturday 11th October 2-4 pm at the Art Lounge, corner of Lorne and Wellesley Streets in Auckland CBD.

Tea and refreshments provided. Entry is free but koha is requested.

UPCOMING EVENTS continued

AUCTION (November 24th)

The Gallery will once again be involved with an auction in the Waikato which is to be held on Monday 24th November.

Works already submitted for the November Art Auction include a superb Frances Hodgins landscape, John Gully "Milford Sound", an outstanding and major W.G. Baker landscape of Milford Sound, and Charles Blomfield of Queenstown.



Frances Hodgins



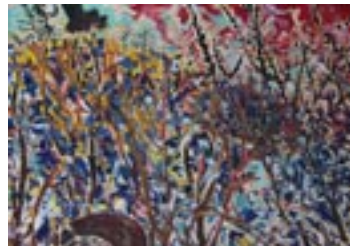
W.G. Baker

SUMMER CATALOGUE from Dec

A feature work in our Summer Catalogue will be a major early Philip Trusstum "Garden" series painting and a fine John Weeks "Garden" scene - very appropriate for Summer!



John Weeks



Philip Trusstum
Detail of work

If you have any paintings by leading New Zealand artists you would like to submit for these catalogues please contact us as soon as possible.

Both Catalogues will also be On-line @ www.warwickhenderson.co.nz

AUCKLAND ART FAIR (May 2009)

We have once again been selected to exhibit at the 2009 Auckland Art Fair and have booked a double size stand. This show takes place in May next year and promises to be the best fair so far.



Cover these Inhuman Distances

From Dance of the Origin Series
2003
Oil on linen
750 x 1350mm

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"One hundred percent of the shots you don't take don't go in" Wayne Gretzkey