



Modern and Contemporary Art - Live Online (A979)

Tue, 5th Oct 2021

Viewing:
VIEWING BY APPOINTMENT

Due to current social distancing restrictions, we will be offering viewing by appointment only.

One hour time slots will be available from:

Fri 1 Oct, 9am - 5pm

Sun 3 Oct, 10am - 1pm

Mon 4 Oct, 9am - 5pm

[Book Appointment](#)

All lots are, however, extensively illustrated and carry detailed condition reports - see 'Condition report' at the foot of each lot description.

Estimate: £15000 - £20000 + Fees

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Still life with cherub, 1974

oil on canvas

96.5 x 96.5cm, in original artist's frame

Sold with certificate of authenticity dated 03.05.1980.

Moustafa's artistic practice is inspired by his Islamic faith and fascination with Arabic calligraphy. He trained first as a figurative painter at Alexandria University and later studied printmaking in London, before pursuing a PhD that researched the 10th century Abbasid calligrapher Ibn Muqla and the scientific foundation of Arabic letter shapes. After 11 years of study, he revealed the exact geometric grid underlying Muqla's script.

Moustafa has undertaken a number of major international commissions, including 'Where The Two Oceans Meet', which was presented by the Queen to Pakistan to mark the nation's fiftieth anniversary in 1997. Moustafa's exhibition history is illustrious with works shown at the Royal Academy, the Whitechapel Art Gallery, Ashmolean Museum, Grand Palais and Al 'Ain University, amongst others. In 1998, the artist exhibited at the Pontificia Universitas Gregoriana, Vatican, which the world media hailed as a huge achievement for Muslim-Christian relations.

Lots 301-302 have been donated to the Dogs Trust to raise funds for the charity.

Dogs Trust is the UK's largest dog welfare charity and normally cares for around 14,000 dogs across its network of 21 rehoming centres in the UK and one in Dublin. Dogs Trust has a non-destruction policy and will never put a healthy dog to sleep. The charity also focuses its efforts on understanding dogs and sharing that knowledge with the wider public to prevent problem behaviours that can result in relinquishment or abandonment. We are working towards the day when all dogs can enjoy a happy life, free from the threat of unnecessary destruction.

Please contact the department for a full report.