

Acquisitions considered for the fine art collection

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Artist	Roy Turner Durrant	List attached if a number of works by different artists
Title of work offered	Black and cream Abstract Painting	List attached if a number of works
Size of work	42 x 54 cm	
Medium	Mixed media on paper	Oil/ watercolour/ ceramic etc
Owner	Unknown	
Terms of offer	Gift through the Art Fund	Gift/ purchase/ bequest
Assessment against collecting policy	Enhances strength in British 20 th century collection	
How does this work relate to collection	<p>Southampton City Art Gallery holds <i>May Night in the Dingle</i> by Roy Turner Durrant, watercolour, 380 x 510 mm, gift from the artist in 1955. The work is a semi-abstract colourful landscape. Peter Davies, critic and art historian, has recently published a monograph on Roy Turner Durrant. He was part of the Neo-Romantic movement and the above work will be included in our forthcoming <i>The Romantic Thread in British Art</i> exhibition in February 2016. Roy Turner Durrant is not as well - known as he should be especially as he was reluctant to exhibit and sell work. However the stylistic links to Sutherland, Craxton and Picasso are self-evident. <i>Black and Cream Abstract Painting</i> appears superb and gives context to our work, demonstrating stylistic range and development. The connections between Surrealism and Abstraction, the twin avant-garde movements of the 1930s gives modern impetus to the Neo-Romantic movement of the 1940s. With a revival of interest in Neo-Romanticism I am sure that we would hang the work often</p>	
Specialist knowledge needed to curate	British 20 th century art	describe

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Storage requirement and is space available	Yes	
Condition of work	Appears excellent from image supplied	Note any conservation need
Estimated value of work	£2,000	Note whose valuation
Display potential of the work	Excellent for British 20 th century displays, abstraction, Neo-Romanticism and works on paper	
Curator recommendation and date	Highly recommended, Tim Craven, Curator of Art, November 2015	
Senior manager notified and agreement to proceed - and date		
Chipperfield advisory committee recommendation and date		
Acquisition approved and date		Trustees or delegated officer
If acquired, accession number allocated		