

Purchase of works at Demarco auction

Committee on the Jean F Watson Bequest

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Purpose of report

- 1 To report on the purchase of works at a fund-raising auction organised by Richard Demarco.

Main report

- 2 An auction to raise money for the Demarco European Art Foundation was held at the City Art Centre on 9 October 2004. Following discussions between the Director and the Convener of the Committee, bids were made on a number of works under the existing delegation of authority.

- 3 The following works by Richard Demarco were successfully bid for:

Bridge on the Union Canal, 2003
pencil and watercolour on paper
19 x 29 cm, 7½ x 11½ in
Signed and dated "Richard Demarco, 2003" bottom right
£320

Bridge on the Union Canal, Ratho, 2003
pencil and watercolour on paper
19 x 29 cm, 7½ x 11½ in
Signed and dated "Richard Demarco, 2003" bottom right
£340

Traverse Theatre, James Court, Lawnmarket, 1992
pencil and watercolour on paper
28 x 20 cm, 11 x 8 in
Signed and dated "Richard Demarco, 1992" bottom right
£200

Edinburgh Castle and the Flodden Wall, 1992
pencil and watercolour on paper
28 x 20 cm, 11 x 8 in

Signed and dated "Richard Demarco, 1992" bottom right
£210

Swanston and the Pentlands, 1992
pencil and watercolour on paper
28 x 20 cm, 11 x 8 in
Signed and dated "Richard Demarco, 1992" bottom right
£200

Arthur's Seat, St Anthony's Chapel, 1992
pencil and watercolour on paper
28 x 20 cm, 11 x 8 in
Signed and dated "Richard Demarco, 1992" bottom right
£500

Prestonfield House, 1992
pencil and watercolour on paper
28 x 20 cm, 11 x 8 in
Signed and dated "Richard Demarco, 1992" bottom right
£300

- 4 The total amount spent was £2070.
- 5 Richard Demarco is already well represented with a number of works in the City's collection, but these works dating from 1992 and 2003 clearly show his recent drawing style. The canal pictures document part of the City not well represented in the collection, while the five other works have clear literary connections that link the works to the Writers Museum.

Recommendations

- 6 Note the purchase of the above works.



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Appendices	N/A
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Wards affected	City Wide
Background Papers	The Jean F Watson Bequest files are held by the Museums and Arts Division