



## The Scottish Contemporary Art Auction

Sun, 24th Oct 2021

### Viewing:

Thursday 21st - 9am-5pm  
Friday 22nd - 9am-5pm  
Saturday 23rd - 9.30am-12pm  
Sunday 24th - 11.30am-1pm

### Lot 532

**Estimate:** £200 - £400 + Fees

#### **THE NEIGHBOUR'S CAT, A WATERCOLOUR BY WILLIE RODGER**

\* WILLIE RODGER RSA RGI (SCOTTISH 1930 - 2018),  
THE NEIGHBOUR'S CAT

watercolour on paper, signed and titled label verso  
image size 19cm x 14cm, overall size 30cm x 25cm  
Framed and under glass.

Note: The Royal Scottish Academy website describes Willie Rodger as "one of the most significant artist-printmakers in recent Scottish art history". Born in Kirkintilloch in 1930, Rodger studied Graphics and Printmaking at Glasgow School of Art from 1948 to 1953. He received a rigorous education from a course that, at the time, only accepted the most skilled draughtsmen. By graduation Rodger had already sold two prints to the Victoria and Albert Museum, London, and went on to a career in advertising. However, he became disillusioned with the cut and thrust of the commercial world and an opportunity to change careers and return to Scotland came about with a teaching vacancy at Lenzie Academy, then as Principal Teacher of Art at Clydebank High School, a post he held until early retirement in 1987. He was elected to the Royal Scottish Academy in 1989 and awarded an honorary doctorate by the University of Stirling in 1999. In The Scottish Contemporary Art Auction of 28th February 2021 lot 562 "Reverie" by Willie Rodger established a new auction record for a print by the artist selling at £1200 (hammer).