



Modern & Post-War British Art Part II: The Studio of Alan Thornhill (08 Jul 2021 B)

Thu, 8th Jul 2021

Lot 243

Estimate: £350 - £550 + Fees

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Sequence

patinated terracotta (mixed fire clay and red clay)
92.5 cm (36 1/2 in) high

PROVENANCE:

Artist's estate

Executed in Putney in 1974. Thornhill recalled of the title of the present work: 'The name suggested because of a hint of dance in the piece.'

'The process is one of interplay with the material in which the intervention of the unconscious with its ambiguities and improbabilities is obediently heeded. Deliberately devoid of 'initial idea' my work is propelled by the process of improvisation. It evolves as an act of faith from an abstract into a figurative or at least an organic statement in accord with my general aspiration: to arrive by an uncharted route at images which strike home.'

Alan Thornhill

For further details on the artist, please check:

<https://www.chiswickauctions.co.uk/news-item/open-studio-of-alan-thornhill/?pc=6>