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Harry Kernoff RHA (1900-1974)

THE HELL FIRE CLUB, 1931

watercolour

signed and dated lower right; with label on reverse
inscribed "Presented to the Guild House by Gabriel Fallon"
11 by 15.50in. (27.94 by 39.37cm)

Provenance:

Adam's, 28 May 2003, lot 120;

Private collection

Hell Fire Club on Montpelier Hill was built as a hunting lodge c.1725 by William Conolly and is located in the Dublin Mountains. It is positioned on the site of a prehistoric passage grave, the stones from which were used in the construction of the lodge. What was interpreted as a misappropriation of the earlier landmark led to much superstition and alleged otherworldly activities at the site. This association was later reinforced when members of the Irish Hell Fire Club, active 1735 to 1741, began using the lodge as a meeting place. Although the Club later relocated following a fire, their association with the place remained. The Hell Fire Club and its surrounding lands, including Killakee Estate are now State owned.

This watercolour was painted in 1931. An example of the same name (no. 20) and other views of the vicinity were exhibited by Kernoff at The White Gallery, 2 New Burlington Street, London, 28 April – 12 May, 1938.

€3,000-€4,000 (£2,459-£3,278 approx).



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Phoebe Donovan (1902-1998)

DALKEY COAST, COUNTY DUBLIN

oil on canvas

signed lower left; with location and number [XXVIII] on
reverse; with plaque detailing artist's name and title affixed
to frame lower centre
25 by 30in. (63.50 by 76.20cm)

The artist shared a house at Summerfield, Dalkey with fellow artist Elizabeth Rivers in the 1950s. The *RHA Index of Exhibitors* records her address as An Tigh Thuas, Torca Hill, Dalkey from 1969. It is believed this view is from the grounds of Sorrento House, then the home of an ophthalmic surgeon, Mr Lavery. The view unusually excludes Dalkey Island.

€800-€1,000 (£655-£819 approx).



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Father Jack P. Hanlon (1913-1968)

STILL LIFE WITH VASE OF FLOWERS

watercolour

signed lower left

11 by 9.50in. (27.94 by 24.13cm)

€500-€800 (£409-£655 approx).