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Leo Whelan RHA (1892-1956)

ALAN, SON OF DR MARTIN DEMPSEY, 1917

oil on canvas

signed and dated lower left; variously inscribed with sitter's name [Allen (sic) Dempsey] and Dublin Street [Baggot] inscribed on reverse; also with Daniel Egan framing label on reverse
30 by 24in. (76.20 by 60.96cm)

Provenance:

Family of the sitter;
Private collection

Exhibited:

RHA, Dublin, 1917, catalogue no. 79 [NFS]

The year before this painting was executed Whelan won the prestigious Taylor Scholarship. This portrait was shown at the RHA in 1917 but was not for sale. The 1911 census records the details of the sitter's family and their place of residence at Merrion Square, East, Dublin. Alan was the second youngest in a family of four boys.

€5,000-€7,000 (£4,200-£5,880 approx.)