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**Stuart Morle (b.1960)**

THE LAST PAGE, PHOENIX PARK

oil on copper panel

signed lower right

28 by 33½in. (71 by 84cm)

*Provenance:*

Whyte's, 30 April 2007, lot 166;

Whence purchased by the present owner

Stuart Morle was born in Liverpool and studied Fine Art at the Central School of Art and Design in London from 1979 to 1982. He won an Italian Government scholarship in 1982 and went to live in Siena that year. He established himself as a portrait painter and worked for both British and Italian clients. Commissions have included HRH The Princess Royal for the Field Auxiliary Nursing Yeomanry, Howard Kilroy, Chairman of the Board of Governors of The Bank of Ireland, Des O'Malley, leader of the Progressive Democrats and Prof. Owen Corrigan of Trinity College, Dublin. Although he is still based in Dublin, Morle is currently working in Lisbon.

Among his most recent successes was his submission to London's Royal Academy exhibition in 2013 where a painting of a female artist painter based on a 17th century painting by Frans van Mieris sold for £12,450 (€14,600 approx.).

€5,000-€7,000 (£4,130-£5,790 approx.)