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John Murray Thomson R.S.A
R.S.W (Scottish, 1885-1974) -
Portrait Of A Terrier. Oil On
Board.

Price

Sold

Item Reference: SA1220947

Date of manufacture: 1930

Dimensions

Height = 30 cm (11.8")

Width = 38 cm (15.0")

Depth = 2 cm (0.8")

Description

A portrait of a terrier by Scottish artist John Murray Thomson (1885-1974). John Murray Thompson taught 'Animal Drawing and Painting' at Edinburgh College of Art between 1933-1944. This work likely dates from that period in his career. The work is beautifully done. The dog masterfully emerging from confidently placed thick brush strokes. The background has strokes of earthy greens and browns, with the natural colour of the board radiating out beneath. A similar portrait of the same dog in the same style by John Murray Thomson emerged at Bonhams in July last year (see 'The Dog Sale', Bonhams, 23 July 2025, Lot 136). This work appears unsigned, however there is the faintest hint of a pencil 'n' to the far lower right when viewed under a loupe. The Bonhams example also bears a pencil signature to lower right which had heavily faded, such that it had been re-signed by the artist to the lower left. The work is housed in a thin period wood frame. A skilful and charming dog portrait. THE ARTIST John Murray Thomson was born 17 th December 1885 at Ayr, educated at Morrison's Academy, Crieff, and went to Edinburgh to study art. Later he worked in Paris at the Academie Julian....

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