

Painting to be auctioned to benefit cancer campaign

by **Katie Bletcheer**

A MAJOR painting by acclaimed Scottish artist Catriona Millar will be auctioned at a charity lunch in Dundee this month by the Ninewells Cancer Campaign.

The large oil painting Cherubino is almost 1.5m high and is considered to be an important work.

Originally donated by the artist to the Ninewells Cancer Campaign (NCC) chairwoman Lady Fiona Fraser in September 2010, the painting was displayed to the public and signed limited edition prints of the work were sold at auction by the NCC.

Cherubino, now valued at £7,000, will be auctioned at a Ladies Lunch and Fashion Show on next Sunday at the Invercarse Hotel, Perth Road in aid of the Jacqui Wood Cancer Centre.

The painting will be on view at GalleryQ from today until next Saturday and sealed bids can be left at the gallery by those unable to attend the lunch.

Cherubino will be on display alongside the latest collection of Catriona's work.

She said: "I'm looking forward to it.

"I've about 20 paintings all together.

"When I did Cherubino I was doing quite a lot of large paintings at the time.

"I liked the posture, the melancholy."

Catriona is delighted that her work will be benefiting such an important charity.

"I work with many charities, but the Ninewells Cancer Campaign has always been special for me for personal reasons.

"There's a few premature deaths in my family.

"My cousin Tommy was only in his sixties and his sister Sylvia died within

months. Anything to raise money for such a great cause is good.

"I hope some of that empathy is captured in Cherubino."

Lady Fiona Fraser said: "We were over the moon when Catriona Millar donated her beautiful painting and holding it back for three years has obviously increased its

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Lady Fiona Fraser and Joyce McGlone with Cherubino. Picture: Steve MacDougall.

market value making it a very important asset for the charity.

"It will be a great pleasure to see it go to auction at the lunch."

Catriona's exhibition runs at the gal-

lery until November 30. Tickets are available for the lunch which runs from 12.30-4pm at alison.wiseman@googlemail.com.

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