



The Chester Antiques Show

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Comic Painting by Goon Show Boffin On Sale at Chester Antiques Show

A comic painting by the former Goon member Michael Bentine goes on sale at in a fabulous display of art and antiques at The Chester Antiques Show at the County Grandstand, Chester Racecourse, from 13th - 16th October 2016.

The drawing, which features a Goon-ish figure based on Mercury from Twilight of the Gods in RAF goggles, belongs to veteran antique dealer Patrick Payne, who was a friend of Michael Bentine's for twenty-five years and once travelled to America with him. *'Michael was a wonderful man both socially and in business. We knew each other for many years and at one point he gave this watercolour which I have treasured. Now I am having a clear-out and thought it deserves to go to the home of someone who is a fan of the founder of the Goons and all-round entertainer and boffin.'*



Watercolour drawing by Michael Bentine



The picture is offered together with a letter from Michael Bentine. It is priced at £1,400.

Michael Bentine, CBE (1922-1996) was a popular English comedian, comic actor and founding member of the Goons. He was a regular TV and radio comedian, actor and writer, known for his series 'It's a Small World' and 'The Bumbles'. He also worked for RAF intelligence and was said to be influential in the operation of the SAS. Bentine was also well and also a major fund raiser for charity, receiving the Order of Merit of Peru following his fund-raising work for the 1970 Great Peruvian earthquake in 1971.

The Chester Antiques Show takes place every October and builds on its strong reputation for variety and quality pieces since the doors first opened in 1989. Widely regarded as the premier art and antiques event of its kind in the northwest, collectors arrive from across the region, North Wales and the Midlands to view and buy, often joined by visitors from north and south spending a weekend in Chester attending the fair and enjoying the many famous sites and restaurants in this historic city.

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The range of items for sale is broad, from eye-catching Art Deco lighting, ornate Victorian mirrors, British and Continental clocks, fine English furniture, nineteenth century landscape watercolours and dramatic Northern industrial art to exotic French bronze statues and contemporary paintings and sculpture.

With prices from less than £25 to more than £25,000, the fair offers plenty of choice both for stylish pieces for inspired home decoration and fine examples to enhance a private collection. All exhibits are vetted for quality and authenticity.

There will be many highlights. Local furniture specialists Church Street Antiques from Altrincham offer a selection of fine pieces made by Gillows of Lancaster including an impressive satinwood wardrobe and bedside cabinet at £2,850; and an early 19th century rosewood and mahogany secretaire bookcase at £14,950. They also specialise in unusual decorative lighting including a superb pair of Edwardian brass and coloured glass five- arm chandeliers priced at £3,700.

New exhibitors Walker Galleries from Harrogate, members of the BADA and LAPADA, promise a selection of traditional and contemporary paintings including works by the Manchester artist Stanley Royle (1888-1961) with a fine view of Ludlow Bridge in oils at £7,800.

Other specialists include Jeanette Hayhurst with 18th, 19th and 20th century glass; Lake's specialising in collectable boxes; Garret & Hurst with French 19th century sculpture; Fashion Fandango specialising in 20th century cocktail dresses and evening wear; Roger de Ville with early English pottery; and jewellers including Plaza, Howell's and Trivette. **TV celebrity Mike Melody**, who trades as Melody Antiques from Chester, will be showing a wide range of English period furniture as usual.

Also showing will be S. & A. Marsh, well-known London silver specialists, Olde Time with English and French clocks and James Dickinson, the antiquarian map specialist.

Public Admission to the show is £5.00.

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