



Portrait of Sir Hugh Lane

Primary Maker

Sarah Cecilia Harrison

Medium

Oil on canvas

Dimensions

76.5 x 63.5 cm

Description

Amidst the social, cultural and political unrest Ireland was experiencing at the beginning of the twentieth century, Hugh Lane in 1908 managed to establish the first gallery of modern art in the world. Controversy surrounded Hugh Lane's wish for a purpose built Gallery of Modern Art and this was further complicated by Lane's premature death in

1915 with the sinking of the Lusitania. Despite this, the artist Sarah Cecilia Harrison and his many supporters from diverse political and religious backgrounds rallied together to try and have Hugh Lane's wishes fulfilled.