



The Blessing of the Colours

Date

1922

Primary Maker

Sir John Lavery

Medium

Oil on canvas

Dimensions

243.8 x 182.9 cm

Description

This painting depicts the first occasion on which the tricolour was blessed. The ceremony was carried out in the Pro-Cathedral, by the Archbishop of Dublin. Lavery was aware of the historic occasion and captures the event on a large canvas at the precise moment the flag is being

blessed. From the 1960s to the 1990s this painting was on loan to Collins Barracks, Dublin. (Catalogue Entry [23]: Hazel, Lady Lavery Society and Politics, Hugh Lane Municipal Gallery of Modern Art, 18 September - 3 November 1996, p. 222)