



Kevin O'Higgins

Date

1923

Primary Maker

Sir John Lavery

Medium

Oil on board

Dimensions

101.6 x 76.2 cm

Description

Kevin O'Higgins first sat to John Lavery for this portrait in London in 1923. It was during this time that Hazel befriended O'Higgins, then Minister for Home Affairs and Vice-President of the Executive Council of the Irish Free State, a position he held until 1927. The serious

expression of the sitter, an indication of the nature of O'Higgins's personality, prompted Hazel to nickname him 'Gloomy Guss'. O'Higgins was assassinated on 10th July 1927. (Catalogue Entry [25]: Hazel, Lady Lavery Society and Politics, Hugh Lane Municipal Gallery of Modern Art, 18 September - 3 November 1996, p. 223)