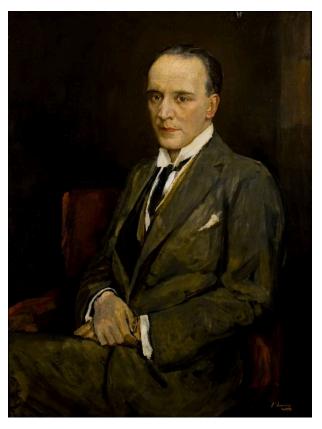
Basic Detail Report



Kevin O'Higgins

Date 1923

Primary MakerSir John Lavery

MediumOil 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)