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Auction Sale of Paintings and Pottery by Sam Haile (Surrealist) Artist and Potter (1909-1948)

"Had Sam Haile lived he would have undoubtedly been a leading figure in twentieth century ceramics. His integration into pottery of surreal expression and deep symbolism would have challenged Bernard Leach's oriental stance which came to dominate the thirty years following the War. Sam's surrealist paintings might have strengthened that wavering movement in England. His mature work has been denied us. His widow, Marianne, has been stalwart in her determination to keep his works on view and by proffering to us the truths, as she understands them, of this complex and multi- talented man."

The sale of 50 lots of Paintings and Pottery by Sam Haile will take place in Exeter on 28th January 2010.

The items will be exhibited at The Great Hall, Dartington on 19<sup>h</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> January and then on view in Exeter from 23<sup>rd</sup> January.

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Please find the following attachments:

A short biography and critique of the artist

An article about various pictures in the sale

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