

LADFAS Visit

A view of Scottish Portraits

Glasgow Office of Lyon and Turnbull

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A small group from LADFAS was privileged to visit Lyon&Turnbull, Glasgow, to view their current event, 'A View of Scottish Portraits', where we were warmly welcomed by Charlotte Rostek. The exhibition features portraits by significant Scottish artists from the 18th century to the present day including works by Allan Ramsay, the Glasgow Boys and with special interest to several in the group the striking portrait of his sister Eleanor by the contemporary Glasgow Boy and local artist Stephen Conroy from Cardross.

This was a very special event which offered the opportunity to view works from private collections which are rarely seen in public and in a location which allowed close inspection of every brushstroke. From such riches it is perhaps unfair to pick any items for special mention but as always the ground-breaking work of the Glasgow Boys shone out with portraits by Sir John Lavery (Study of Esther McLean) and Sir James Guthrie (Full length portrait of Maggie Hamilton in an emerald green dress). Knowledgeable insight to inform the viewing was provided by the art specialist Iain Gale. This exhibition served to highlight Scotland's major contribution to portraiture as an art form.