London: Christie’s Modern British Art sale on 29 September features works from a range of Modern British masters, including Elisabeth Frink, Bridget Riley, Graham Sutherland, Patrick Caulfield, Henry Moore and Walter Richard Sickert. John Minton’s Children by the Sea (1945, estimate: £25,000-35,000) is a preparatory drawing for the oil Children by the Sea, 1945, which is in the collection of the Tate Gallery, London. This is presented alongside Jack Vettriano’s Suddenly Last Summer (estimate: £40,000-60,000), a work that was originally located in the artist’s flat in London. The scene, inspired by Vettriano’s encounter with a married woman, was painted onto the door of a boiler cupboard to disguise it. Portrait of Eileen Mayo by Edith Lawrence (1926, estimate £5,000-8,000) is an incredibly rare depiction for its day, a portrait of a female artist by another female artist. Both were alumnae of the Grosvenor School as well as the Slade School, Lawrence having studied there alongside David Bomberg, C.R.W. Nevinson, and Stanley Spencer. Glyn Philpot’s Man in Black (1910, estimate: £50,000-80,000) was originally gifted by the artist to the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea, and is being offered for auction by Leighton House, operated by the Council. Proceeds from the sale will be ring-fenced for the acquisition of paintings relevant to the future of the museum and its key aims. These acquisitions will be displayed in the historic house and the new wing that is being created through the Hidden Gem to National Treasure project. There are
213 works in the sale and all of them will be on view in Christie’s King Street galleries from 24 to 28 September 2020.

Jack Vettriano, *Suddenly Last Summer* (estimate: £40,000-60,000) and Edith Lawrence, *Portrait of Eileen Mayo* (1926, estimate £5,000-8,000)

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