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## **RECORD SELLING PRICE FOR CELEBRATED VANCOUVER ARTIST'S WORK**

### **B.C. Binning Canvas sells for \$115,000 CDN on Day One of Maynards Spring Auction**

One of the night's early highlights was the sale of Lot 36, *Four Ships on a Northwesterly Course* by celebrated Vancouver artist Bertram Charles (B.C.) Binning. The boldly coloured, balanced graphic line canvas carried an estimate of \$60,000-\$80,000 CDN. However, Maynards' owner (and the evening's auctioneer) Barry Scott said he was confident that the painting would fetch a standout price. "We knew there was considerable interest in the lot during previews, and it truly is a superior canvas by a great local artist. We were pleased to see its value recognized by a room of discerning collectors." With Tuesday's hammer price of \$115,000 CDN (incl. buyer's premium), *Four Ships on a Northwesterly Course* realized the highest market value for a B.C. Binning of its size.

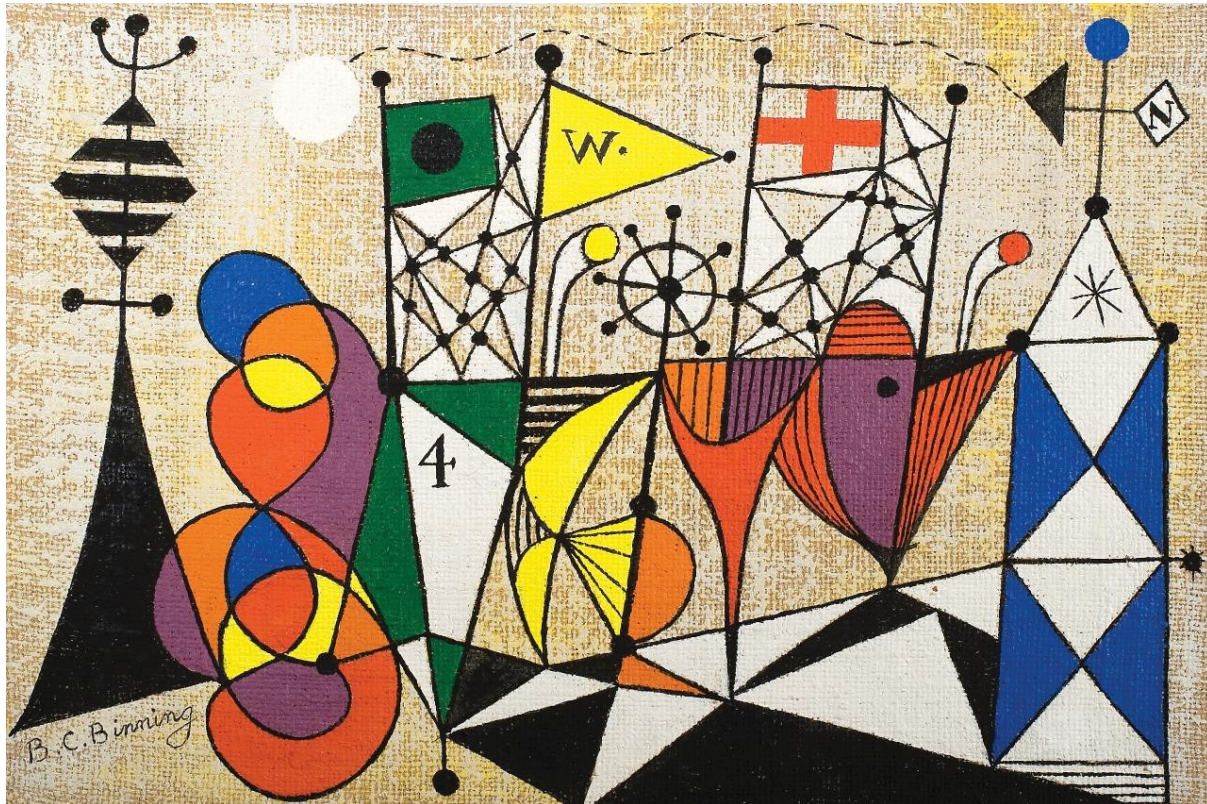
B.C. Binning's (1909-1976) work is regularly exhibited and has become internationally recognized as a forerunner in the West Coast Modernist style. Binning's close academic friends residing in Vancouver were other great artists such as Gordon Smith, Lawren Harris (Group of Seven) and Molly Lamb Bobak – works by all of whom were also featured in Maynards' Spring Auction. With his commitment to bringing art to the community, Binning taught extensively at Emily Carr (then called The Vancouver School of Art) and the University of British Columbia, eventually founding and heading the UBC Department of Fine Art.

The success of the Binning was complemented by outstanding interest in other works. Henrietta Mabel May's idyllic *Untitled – Houses In A Landscape* sold for \$132,250 CDN (estimate: \$50,000-\$70,000) and E.J Hughes' large canvas *The Fraser River Near Lilloet* fetched \$230,000. Strong bidding for Gordon Appelbe Smith lots buoyed prices for the West Vancouver artist's works – the beautiful *Sea Edge* sold for \$27,600, more than double its high estimate.

### **About Maynards**

The experts in Maynards Fine Art and Antiques department are known for their meticulous attention to detail. In addition to auction consignments, their expertise is often called upon in private sales where their decades of knowledge assist in finding new and rewarding homes for significant art works. Maynards Vancouver recently moved from its landmark location at Cambie and 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue to a new location at 1837 Main Street, featuring an 8,500 sq. foot auction gallery showroom. The

showroom is open to the public from 9:00am to 5:00pm Monday-Friday. Detailed information about upcoming auctions, preview dates and schedules, and the auction process itself is available at [www.maynards.com](http://www.maynards.com).



**B.C. Binning**, *Four Ships on a Northwesterly Course*. (c. 1950)

Signed "B.C. Binning". Oil on board. 11 <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> in x 17 <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> in.