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William McCance, *Kimono Study* (detail), 1919. Purchased with the assistance of the Friends of the City Art Centre and Museums.

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Mike Inglis, *Temple Camp* (detail), 2015. Travelling Gallery Wrap Commission. Funded by the Friends of the City Art Centre and Museums and V&A Dundee.

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Become a Friend

The City of Edinburgh Council's Museums and Galleries Service includes a number of fascinating monuments and venues which hold, care for and develop rich and varied art and history collections, and stage a vibrant programme of exhibitions and events.

City Art Centre; Lauriston Castle; Museums Collection Centre; Museum of Childhood; Museum of Edinburgh; Nelson Monument; Queensferry Museum; Scott Monument; The People's Story; Travelling Gallery; Writers' Museum.

The Friends

Friends of the City Art Centre and Museums is a voluntary group founded in 1973. Its annual subscriptions and fundraising activities support the Edinburgh Museums and Galleries' extensive programme of exhibitions, free collection displays, education and outreach programmes, conservation and acquisitions. Funds raised have contributed towards the purchase of many items for the service, including:

- Works of art by Alexander Nasmyth, Henry Raeburn, William McCance and Victoria Crowe amongst many others
- Silver, porcelain and pewter with historical significance to Edinburgh
- Commissions such as commemorative pieces of engraved crystal
- Help towards the acquisition of the Cramond Lioness, now jointly owned by the City of Edinburgh Council and National Museums Scotland
- Funding of special publications about the City's collections
- ICT equipment to assist with the digitisation of collections

On a practical level the Friends have also purchased folding stools for use during gallery talks and provided resources for children's activities. The Friends actively volunteer with special projects across all areas of the Museums and Galleries Service. If you are interested in helping out in a particular area please get in touch with the Friends' Committee.

The Friends share an enthusiasm for Edinburgh's history and all aspects of Scottish art. If these interest you, do join us and you can be sure of a warm welcome.

Join today and enjoy

- Invitations to exhibition previews
- Unlimited free entry to charging exhibitions at the City Art Centre
- One group tour ticket (max. 4 people) on one of the daily tours of Lauriston Castle
- Exclusive talks and lectures by curatorial staff and visiting experts
- Visits to other museums and galleries, private collections, historic houses and places of interest in Edinburgh and further afield
- Organised trips in the UK and abroad, in recent years to Manchester, Liverpool, Krakow and Berlin
- Social events including coffee mornings and Christmas party
- Regular mailing of the Friends' programme
- Info on Edinburgh Museums and Galleries exhibitions and events
- 10% of most items in Edinburgh Museums and Galleries shops
- 20% of food and drink in the City Art Centre Café

Please note that some events and outings incur a modest fee.