

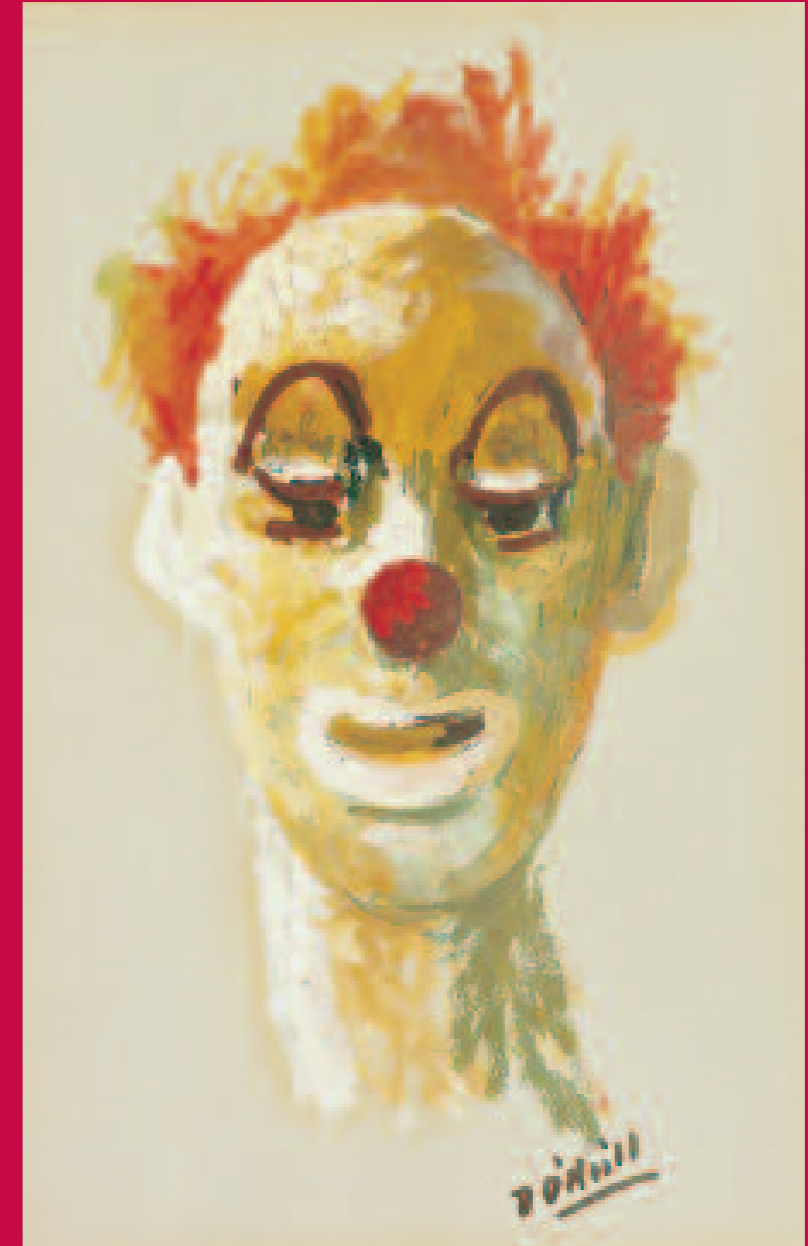


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CHRISTMAS EXHIBITION

FRONT COVER:

1. **Daniel O'Neill (1920–1974)**
The Clown
Gouache, 5" x 3¹/₄"

Like most of the Irish Figurists, Dan O'Neill often painted circus performers, particularly clowns. Often it was an attempt to depict man's duplicity and his need to hide behind a mask but at times, as with this work, it was just a case of presenting a happy, carefree innocence. The optimistic demeanour of this clown probably places it at an earlier date as, with his disintegrating marriage and unhappy personal life, O'Neill's later work took on a haunted, isolated quality. There is not a hint of those qualities in this charming portrait.

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Photography by John Kellett
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BACK COVER:

60. **Andrei Demin (Contemporary)**
Winter Sun
Oil on canvas, 26¹/₂" x 42¹/₂"