

'Hitler' Auctioneers - United Kingdom

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Survey 2009-2019

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This auction house has organized in the past ten years (2009-2018) at least 13 auctions of artworks attributed to Adolf Hitler (1889-1945). Offered were 84 works allegedly made by Hitler (watercolors, oil paintings, pastel and sketches).

A number of the offered works were accompanied by fraudulent Certificates of Authenticity (CoA) issued by known CoA swindlers as Peter Jahn and Hans O.A. Horváth.

Total revenue: at least 312,500.- euro (hammer prices 250,000.- euro + 25% provision).

None of these 'Hitler's' are authentic, as they don't fit the general description of Hitler's watercolors from 1910-1913, as established by Dr. Karl Springer of the Viennese police, 1936.* None of these works resemble in anything the authentic Hitler works registered by the NSDAP Hauptarchiv in 1936-1940.** Furthermore, the wide variety of styles of the works sold by Mullock's is a clear indication that these works were made by several artists, *after* 1945.

* Dr. Karl Springer: Bundes Polizeidirektion Wien, Sicherheitsbureau, s.B. 17105/36, November-December 1936. NSDAP Hauptarchiv NS 26/2599; Bundesarchiv Berlin.

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The Hitler-Butterfly, 2019

On Saturday February 23, 2019 Mullock's is planning to auction this work:



Description by Mullock's: "Watercolour Painting – Adolf Hitler – Signed and Donated to the hospital of Beelitz in 1916 – depicts a yellow Butterfly. To the reverse hand-written confirmation of the Red-Cross leading sister, with the official hospital Stamp to the reverse. The painting's private owner was one of the German Luftwaffe's youngest bomber-pilots, shot twice over France in 1944 and was awarded the 'Flugzeugführer'-[Pilot/Observer badge], [Segelflugzeugführerabzeichen] [Glider Pilot Badge] and Verwundetenabzeichen' [Wound Badge]. He originally purchased the painting from Belgium."

Guide Price: £4800.00 - £5000.00

Source: https://www.mullocksauctions.co.uk/lot-724657-watercolour_painting_adolf_hitler_signed_and.html

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April 23, 2009 - 13 watercolors, 1 oil painting, 'Hitler's' easel.

Hammer prices: more than € 100,000.- euro / £ 95,000. -.

All with Certificates of Authenticity (CoA's) issued by the repeatedly for fraud cases convicted Austrian criminal (Franz) Peter Jahn (1904-1990).



This would be a selfportrait by Hitler. This figure is marked with an X, to leave no doubt about it....

Reuters, 26-03-2009: "I've seen quite a bit of Hitler art, and the subjects tend to be the same," said Richard Westwood-Brookes, a historical documents expert who will be holding the sale for Mullock's. He said Hitler liked to paint pictures of flowers, especially roses, and romantic landscapes with cottages."

Van den Born & Droog, 2019: Hitler only made watercolors, depicting cityscapes of Vienna and Munich, with two exceptions: a watercolor of a house in 1907 and a portrait of an army buddy in 1915.

The depicted bridge is Clapper Bridge at Postbridge in Dartmoor National Park, Devon (UK). Hitler never visited England.



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2009 (October 1) - 13 watercolors and oil paintings.

Nothing sold. Next to 'Hitler's' watercolors and paintings also an etch was offered, supposedly drawn from life by Emma Lowenstramm in 1909, depicting Adolf Hitler and Lenin playing chess.

Offered again on auction on April 15, 2010, as lot 382. Then estimated at £20,000 - £40,000.



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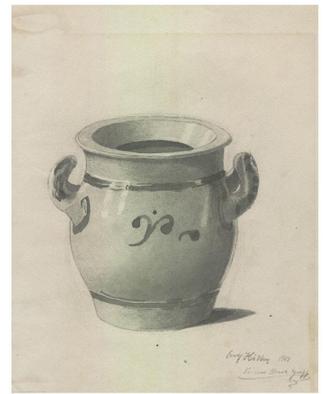
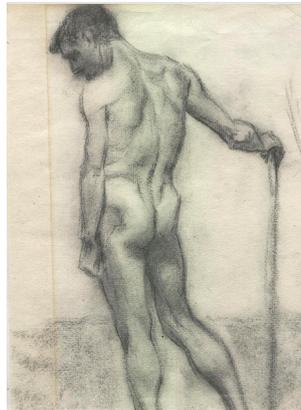
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2010 (April 15) - 7 watercolors, 2 pastels, 1 oil painting, 11 sketches

Supposedly some of the sketches Hitler made for his entry exams for art school, 1907. Lots 384 - 405.





Needless to say: these were forgeries too. Hitler lacked both the talent and the skill to produce sketches like these.

To make it even more ridiculous *The Telegraph* asked Michael Liversidge, Emeritus Dean of Arts at Bristol University, head of that department for 21 years, for his opinion:

"Of course, remembering the Hitler diaries which turned out to be turkeys, one has to be careful though these do look authentic and presumably have been checked out as to their provenance. (...) And he doesn't yet have much in the way of technical skill, but it's not so bad that one can't imagine him learning - especially when he's bolder with the charcoal or black chalk." (...)

The pastels, the oil painting and three watercolors were accompanied by Certificates of Authenticity issued by Hans O.A Horváth, a known art swindler from Vienna (Austria).

To lot 404 (watercolor 'The Maximilinaeum - view with bridge in foreground', signed 'A.H. 1914') belonged a Coa issued by a 'Prof. Ernst Wilkinghoff' from München, dated May 3rd 1968, in which was claimed that the work originated from Frau Helen Schwaiger. She supposedly was a Munich waitress, who had given the 'poor' young artist food and drinks, in 1913-1914. As payment Hitler allegedly gave her 21 watercolors and sketches. This work was previously auctioned in 1985, as lot 869 in Phillips Sale at Blenstock House 'Memorabilia from the Two World Wars' June 6th 1985.

About lot 405 (watercolor 'Das Siegestor', signed A.H. '1914) the auctioneer stated: "Provenance: Lot 870 in Phillips Sale at Blenstock House 'Memorabilia from the Two World Wars' June 6th 1985. Accompanied by photocopy of a letter from Dr Karl Exner of Munich, Art Historian and nephew of the artist Willie Exner, known for his celebrated portrait of Hitler. The letter states that the painting was considered original by Prof Wilkinghoff from Hitler's Munich period of 1913-14."

If this waitress and 'Professor Ernst Wilkinghoff' ever existed remains the question.

One of the strangest works was this, lot 390:



Description by auctioneer: "Hitler watercolour showing a figure (resembling Hitler himself) dressed as a foundry worker, facing an allegorical figure dressed in ancient clothing who is standing at his forge and is seen handing over his

forging tools to the 'Hitler' figure. In the background the Nazi swastika burns bright in the fire from the forge.

Signed 'Adolf Hitler 1929' to base of image, which has been deliberately crafted to provide a space for the entire right hand corner of the image. The blank portion is annotated in ink '13 1/2cm' [with an indecipherable word]. It also bears an official Nazi stamp of the Eagle and Swastika device with the date 3 Mai 1940 Verso bears a faint pencil sketch which could be a draft of the image.

Approx 320x270mm; it is possible that this is the design for a Nazi propaganda poster and if this is so, and is the work of Adolf Hitler it is of the greatest rarity.

The imagery is crude but effective. The allegorical figure could be that of Arminius, the German hero who defeated the might of the Roman Army in the Teutoburg Forest in AD 9) and whom Hitler regarded as the 'founder of the Reich' in that by defeating the Romans, Arminius (also known in Germany as 'Hermann') not only united the Germanic peoples but also ensured that the Germanic territories unlike anywhere else in mainland Europe, remained self-determining and apart from the all conquering Roman Empire.

Here, the 'Arminius' figure is seen handing over the tools by which he forged the Germanic states to a 'Hitler' figure, dressed as a hard toiling worker, who presumably is receiving the mantle from his ancient predecessor in order to continue the job.

Estimate: £12,000.00 - £15,000.00 "

This monstrosity was sold for £12,000.

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2010 (September) - 16 watercolors

Supposedly originating from 1908; village sights and landscapes.
Hammer prices 122,000.- euro.



"Mr [Richard] Westwood-Brookes [auctioneer of Mullock's] revealed the paintings had come into his hands after they were found within a large estate in the north of Austria by the high-flying lawyer who bought the whole estate. He said: 'When he moved in they were all sat there in a cupboard.

'Many large well-known auction houses are Jewish owned so they refuse to touch anything to do with Hitler due to policy.

'Across many countries in Europe such as France and Austria you can't sell them by law as they believe it's glorifying Nazis.

'Ebay in those countries won't accept anything to do with him, so they have to be sold outside the countries.'

The auction will take place at Ludlow Racecourse, Shrops, on September 30."

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2012 (September 27) - 1 watercolor
Hammer prices \$ 750



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2013 (May 21) - 1 watercolor, 1 oilpainting
With CoA's by Hans O.A, Horváth. Lot 484 and 486, not sold.



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2013 (August 21) - 1 watercolor

Hammer prices \$ 7,808.-.



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2015 (August 13) - 2 watercolors, 2 sketches

Hammer prices £ 3,500.-



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Lot 367, not sold.

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2015 (October 20) - 3 watercolors

Hammer prices £ 1,880.-



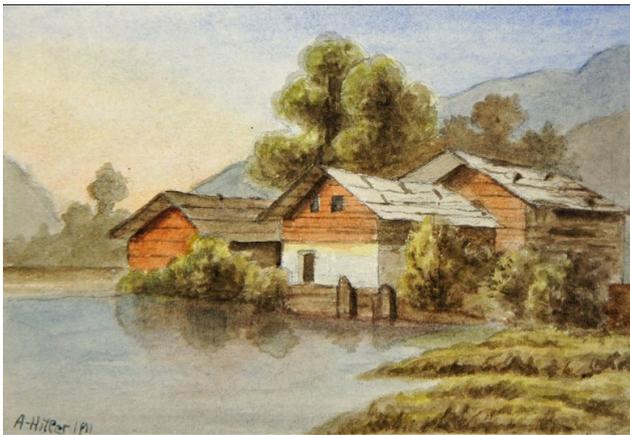
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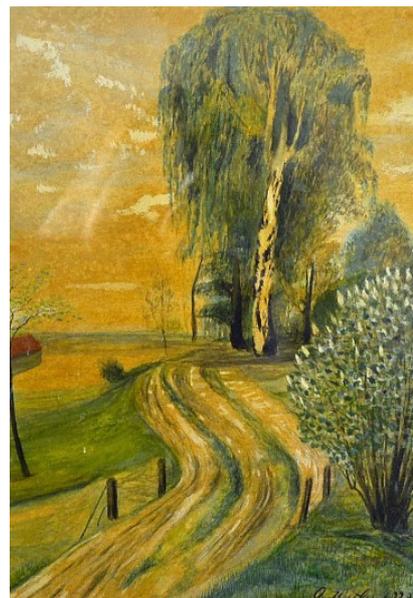
Hammer prices £ 1,800.-.



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2017 (February 28) - 1 watercolor and 1 oilpainting

Hammer prices £ 1.600,-.



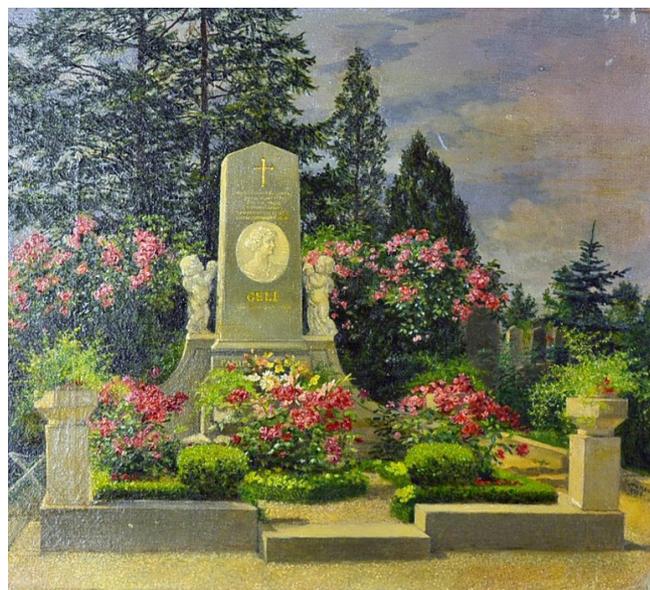
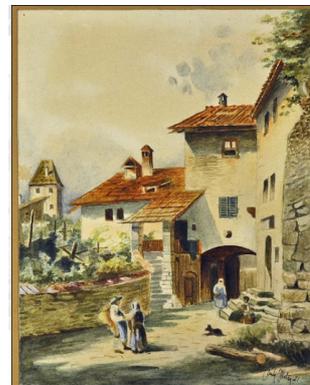
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2017 (July 6) - 4 watercolors and 1 oil painting

With at least one CoA issued by Hans O.A. Horváth (lot 573 / 706946).

Hammer prices £ 7,500.- pounds. The 'Hitler' oil painting that was sold in February 2017 for £ 1,100.- was sold again at this auction. Now for £ 2,400.-



Also this oil painting (left) was offered, with this description: "Original Artwork – Geli Raubel's Grave a remarkable painting in oil on canvass showing her grave with floral tributes etc. This is unsigned so it is impossible to say whether it can be attributed to Adolf Hitler – Raubel was Hitler's niece and one time lover."

The guide price was £5000.00 - £7000.00. It remained unsold. The name of the girl was Geli Raubal. not Raubel.

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2017 (October 17)- 3 watercolors

Lot 603B / 709871 accompanied by CoA issued by Hans O.A. Horváth.

Hammer prices £ 8,500.-



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