



Thrush Holmes

Painting

ARTWORK DETAILS

Artist: Thrush Holmes (Canadian, b. 1979)
Title: *Green Vase*
Medium: Oil on Canvas
Dimensions: 122 x 97 in (309.9 x 246.4 cm)
Type: Unique work

ARTIST BIOGRAPHY

Thrush Byron Keats Holmes — his middle names drawn from the great Romantic poets — is a Toronto-based self-taught painter who has built one of the most distinctive and commercially recognised practices in contemporary Canadian art. Holmes entered the Toronto art scene with an immediate impact, opening the Thrush Holmes Empire on Queen West in 2007 and achieving overnight success. His work is held in the collections of Elton John's AIDS Foundation, Sony Music, DreamWorks Studios, and Def Jam Records. He has had solo exhibitions at PULSE Miami and the Mike Weiss Gallery in New York, and public installations at Galleria in the Park (Toronto) and Cleveland Cavaliers headquarters. Holmes works across oil, spray paint, neon, resin, and mixed media, combining traditional motifs — vases, nudes, landscapes — with a punk-inflected energy and glowing neon integration that is entirely his own.

ARTWORK DESCRIPTION

Green Vase is Holmes's most monumental canvas — exhibited at the Art Gallery of Ontario, it demonstrates the artist's ambition to work at the scale of abstract expressionism while retaining his signature figurative subject. At 122 x 97 inches, the plant and vase forms rendered in deep green and black against a white ground become near-architectural in their presence, the drips and gestural marks at this scale achieving a physical drama that transforms the still-life tradition entirely. The AGO installation confirms this work's institutional stature within Holmes's career.

VALUATION

Estimated Gallery Value: \$48,000 – \$65,000 USD

Insured Value: \$92,000 – \$120,000 USD

CURATORIAL NOTES

Green Vase contributes a significant Holmes canvas to the collection. Holmes's vase series is among his most critically and commercially validated bodies of work — the subject providing a consistent through-line that collectors use to trace his development across scale, medium, and energy.

ADDITIONAL NOTES

Market Context: Thrush Holmes unique paintings are represented by Library Street Collective (Detroit), Gallery Sonder, Louis Buhl Gallery, and Unit London at gallery prices consistent with this valuation range. His institutional collector base — Elton John AIDS Foundation, Sony Music, DreamWorks — underpins sustained market confidence. Direct artist provenance with Certificate of Authenticity.

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PROVENANCE

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CONDITION

Mint condition. The work presents in pristine, exhibition-ready state with no visible surface defects, colour loss, or handling wear. Professionally framed in a high-quality presentation frame. Ready to install.