

## Emma Fordyce MacRae N.A.

(1887 - 1974)

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## Orange White and Green



Emma Fordyce MacRae was not a prolific painter and she records she spent two months in 1923 painting *Orange White and Green*, a floral arrangement of freesias set against a tapestry background with the flowers merging and contrasting with the textile behind. *Orange White and Green* is an example of MacRae's early balanced and symmetrical compositions, emphasized by the flower vases of orange and green and painted before MacRae perfected her distinct style of scraping back and adding layers of paint sparingly.

### Exhibited:

*1923 National Academy;*  
*1923 Chicago Art Institute;*  
*1924 City Art Museum, St Louis;*  
*1925 Rotary Show;*  
*1925 State Fair Texas;*  
*1928 Grand Central Galleries;*

*1923 Milch Gallery;*  
*1923 John Herron Institute;*  
*1924 Syracuse Museum;*  
*1925 National Association of Women Artists;*  
*1925 Peabody Institute Baltimore Museum of Art;*  
*1930 Roerich Museum, New York*

"Orange White and Green"

Oil on Canvas

Unsigned. Label on reverse. Framed

30 x 24 ¼ inches

Emma Fordyce MacRae N.A, 1887 – 197

## Sonya



Emma Fordyce MacRae painted *Sonya* in 1935. In 1934 MacRae was awarded the Edith Penman Memorial Prize for “*Cosmos*” at the 43rd Annual Exhibition of the National Association of Women Painters and Sculptors. In 1935, MacRae had a solo exhibition in March at The Currier Gallery of Art in Manchester, New Hampshire, and another from April to May at Doll and Richards in Boston. MacRae painted many figure paintings at this time in her distinctive recognised style including *Melina in Green*, *the Red Sweater*, *The Dancer* and *Before the Song* and in *Sonya* the small areas within the composition where MacRae has taken back the paint to the underpaint or the gesso are sometimes mistaken by some viewers as areas of paint loss rather than a deliberate act by the artist.

### Exhibited:

*1936 National Academy;*

*1936 Grand Central Art Galleries;*

*1938 MacDowell Club;*

*1944 Gloucester Society*

*1936 Association of Women Artists;*

*1937 Boston Art Club;*

*1940 National Assn of Women Painters and Sculptors;*

“Sonya”

Painted 1935

Oil on Canvas

Signed Framed

30 x 25 inches

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## Self Portrait – Painting at Pigeon Cove, Rockport



*Self Portrait - Painting at Pigeon Cove, Rockport* is a tranquil landscape. MacRae with her easel and box of paints set up on the dock is capturing the view across the harbour with the boats and Church with the small red roof in the background. MacRae's summer studio was in Gloucester, MA. In "[The Love of Linger over a Composition](#)", Karen E Quinn refers to MacRae's choice of subject, distancing her from her fellow painters in Cape Ann, preferring as she did for her landscapes the stretches of beaches and coves along Ipswich Bay in place of Banner Hill and Gloucester City.

Pigeon Cove seems to have been MacRae's favorite harbor and she painted it many times. One painting hangs at the National Academy of Design in New York City and another can be seen at the Cape Ann Museum in Gloucester, MA.

Exhibited:

*No history*

"Self Portrait - Painting at Pigeon Cove, Rockport"

Also "Waiting Boats"

Oil on Board

Signed Framed

22 x 28 inches

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