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**Advanced Information Sheet**

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**The Robert McDougall Art Gallery**

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September 6 — November 2, 1980

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# IKON

## Inspired Art

105 works from the Wijenburg Castle, one of the world's largest private collections of medieval Orthodox Church art is coming to Christchurch on September 6 and showing until November 2.

This is a unique opportunity to see these precious and famous works dating from the 5th century and including the fabulous Mother of God icon attributed to Dionisii, the famous Russian icon painter of the early 15th century.

Not just of interest to the scholar, the religious or the art-lover, these beautiful and valuable works have a precious beauty which everyone will be able to recognise. Glowing with rich colours, gleaming gold leaf, silver gilt or cloisonne enamel and sometimes set with precious stones these art works are valued in excess of \$9 million.

### Admission

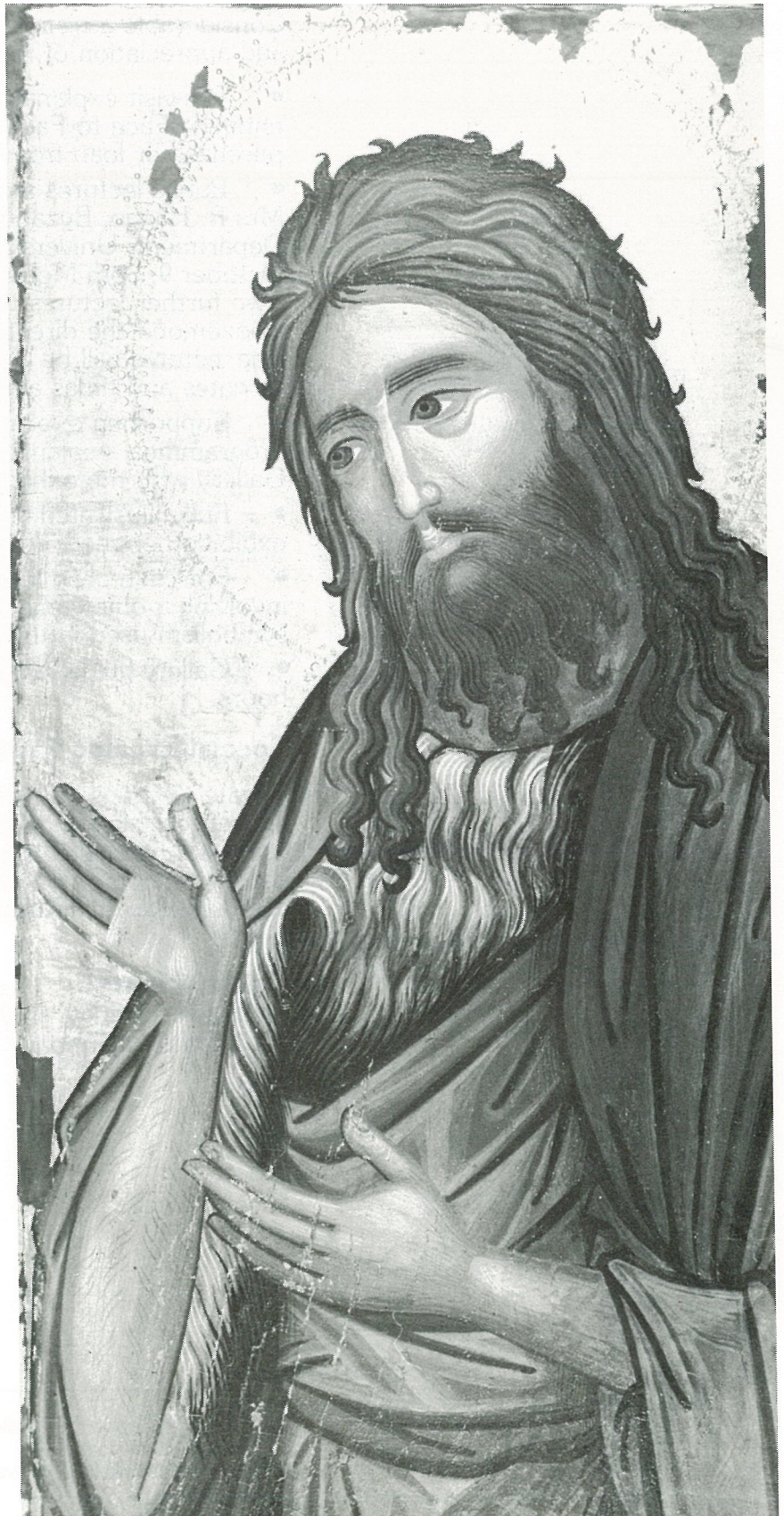
Public \$2.00

children, pensioners, students,  
McDougall Art Gallery  
Friends Society Members,  
\$1.00

Multi-visit ticket — allowing 5  
visits for \$8.00

School Parties — 50c per  
pupil (accompanying teacher  
free)

Group Reductions — \$1.50  
per head for pre-booked  
parties of 50 or more.



*John the Baptist, Cyprus c1500.*

Considerable assistance is offered in the understanding and appreciation of the icons:

- Pre-visit explanatory tape and set of colour slides entitled "Face to Face with the Icon" is available for purchase or loan from the Gallery.
- Public lectures at the Gallery by —  
Mrs R. Hagg, Byzantine specialist, Art History Department, University of Canterbury.  
October 9, 8pm McDougall Art Gallery.  
Two further lectures will be presented by Robert Roozmond the director of the Wijenburgh Collection.  
The lectures will be given at the University of Canterbury — dates and times available from the Gallery.
- Supporting explanatory video and colour film programmes, explanatory panels, and maps will be in the Gallery with the exhibition.
- Fully illustrated and comprehensive book about the exhibition entitled 'Ikon: Inspired Art' will be on sale.
- For each child visitor a full-coloured pamphlet involving a quiz game which indicates and explains the symbolism used in the icons.
- Gallery guides available for a guided tour inside Gallery hours.

### **Special Evening Parties**

Private viewings outside normal gallery hours are available for parties. Minimum 50 — maximum 250 persons. A guide will be available and admission will be \$3.00 per head. Wine could be offered to evening parties at rates negotiable at the Gallery (in the range of \$5.00 per head).

### **Gallery Hours**

Monday — Friday 10am — 4.30pm  
Saturday and Sunday 12.00 — 4.30pm