



WHIRLWIND

— MICHAEL RONDOT —

Royal Air Force Search and Rescue Westland Whirlwind HAR Mk10 helicopter.



WHIRLWIND © Michael Rondot 2006

150 signed & numbered: £75

25 artist's proofs: £120

Size: 700x490mm (27x19inches) (image size: 620x375)

25 remarques: £235

10 giclée canvas: £375 (image: 760x500)

This Print from Michael Rondot portrays a familiar sight along the coast of the UK during the 1960s. A Westland Whirlwind helicopter flies over a beach on a bright, sunny day with the winchman and navigator waving to holidaymakers below from the cabin door. Happy days, with no clue that the helicopter's crew may be en-route to an urgent rescue situation that will require all their skill and daring.

Although their primary function is the rescue of downed aircrews, RAF search and rescue squadrons have traditionally spent most of their time in support of civilian emergencies. Their daring exploits and dramatic rescue operations frequently brought Whirlwind SAR crews enormous media attention during the 1960s, making the "Yellow Helicopter" one of the best-known elements of the Royal Air Force.

The edition is limited to only 210 copies, each signed and numbered by the artist and stamped with the publisher's seal to guarantee the edition size.

This limited edition print is available in four versions: Artist signed & numbered; artist's proof; remarque; canvas giclée.

GICLÉE CANVAS MASTERWORKS

These beautiful artist-signed prints on canvas replicate the look and feel of the original painting with striking effect. Only a very few are issued with each edition, and because they are so rare, they are often fully subscribed soon after release. (Image size: 760x500mm, 30x20 inches).

ARTIST'S PROOFS

Artist's proofs (APs) are given greater value by collectors because they often have added signatures or a mini-remarque and may be difficult to obtain. The 25 APs in this edition have an original pencil drawing of a squadron badge logo added to the print border.

REMARQUE PRINTS

Especially prized for their rarity value and personal touch, remarque prints have a detailed original pencil drawing of a Whirlwind added to the print border. Purchasers may specify individual squadron aircraft and badges to personalise their print, and add an inscription if desired.

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