



Eugène Delacroix

Un jeune Marocain (A young Moroccan Man)

Pencil on paper, 283 x 287 mm

on recto, upper right, inscribed in pencil: "laine"; lower right, red stamp: "E.D" [Lugt 838 or 838a?]

on verso, inscribed in pencil, upper left: "A16", "Ganzseitig abgebildet: Raymond Eschollier: Delacroix, Band II Seite 49"; upper centre: "Delacroix", "Exposition Delacroix Musée du Louvre Juin-Juillet 1930 No 303 Marocan assis"; upper right: "Exposition Delacroix Musée du Louvre Juin-Juillet 1930 No 303 Marocan assis"; centre: "Fait verré [?]", "M. Kahn, bristol bleute s/c or c. 1347 (cartel E. Delacroix) 9 de marges"; lower centre: "38 1/2 - 48", small drawing; brown hinging tape at upper corners

Provenance:

Estate of the artist (?)

Possible sale: Vente Eugène Delacroix, Hôtel Drouot, Paris, 17–19 February 1864 (per stamp?)

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By latest 1927 until at least June 1930: Louise and/or Claude Léouzon Le Duc, Paris (per Eschollier and exh. cat.)

(Probably acquired by Hildebrand Gurlitt in France in the 1940s)

By latest January 1948: Hildebrand Gurlitt, Aschbach (per Correspondence Hildebrand Gurlitt)

By descent to Cornelius Gurlitt, Munich/Salzburg

From 6 May 2014: Estate of Cornelius Gurlitt

Exhibition:

Exposition E. Delacroix. Exh. cat., Musée du Louvre, Paris, June–July 1930. [no. 303, as *Un jeune Marocain*]

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Cornelius Gurlitt Papers, Salzburg:

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Note:

It is unclear to date whether the stamp “E.D” is the true Delacroix mark [Lugt 838a] or the false mark used by the artist’s assistant Pierre Andrieu [Lugt 838]. If verified as the former, this would indicate that the watercolour was included in the sale of Delacroix’ estate in 1864. In that sale, drawings were listed by subject matter, sometimes in lots comprising numerous items, with descriptive titles but without measurements or illustrations. It has not so far been possible to identify this particular drawing in the sale catalogue.

The work was later owned by Louise Léouzon Le Duc, née Riesener (1860–1944) and/or her husband Claude Léouzon Le Duc (1860–1932), an advocate at the Paris Court. Louise’s father, the painter León Riesener, was Eugène Delacroix’ first cousin; the family is known to have owned several Delacroix works. Incidentally, the couple’s daughter, Claudie, went on to become the second wife of the Delacroix scholar Raymond Escholier.

The personal papers found in Cornelius Gurlitt’s Salzburg home include a collection of about 2,400 photographs of artworks. Photograph no. 7.1_F706, is a reproduction of this work; inscribed on verso, a statement of authenticity by art expert André Schoeller of Paris, 13, Rue de Téhéran, dated 5 October 1943. This document shows that the work was on the market in the 1940s in occupied France; there is a high probability that Gurlitt acquired the work during that period.

A reference to a pencil drawing by Delacroix titled *Sitzd. Araber nach links sehend* can be found in the correspondence of Hildebrand Gurlitt. It was sent to a restorer in January 1948.

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