



Giovanni Domenico Tiepolo

Centaur Arrested in Flight, a Female Faun on his Back

Ink on watermarked paper, 179 x 252 mm

on recto, lower left, signed in ink: "Dom. Tiepolo f"

on verso, upper right, inscribed in pencil: "53" and in blue: "A"

Provenance:

With Galerie Férault, Paris

Sale: *Vente d'un cabinet de dessins*, Galerie Férault, Paris, 21 December 1929, no. 135

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By 28 April 1944: with Raphaël Gérard, Paris (per Cornelius Gurlitt Papers)

By September 1953: Hildebrand Gurlitt, Dusseldorf (per Cornelius Gurlitt Papers)

By descent to Cornelius Gurlitt, Munich/Salzburg

From 6 May 2014: Estate of Cornelius Gurlitt

Exhibition:

Exposition et vente d'un cabinet de dessins du XVe au XVIIIe siècle. Férault, Paris, 28 November–21 December 1929. [no. 135, pl. 42]

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Correspondence Hildebrand Gurlitt – possible reference:

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Note:

This Giovanni Domenico Tiepolo drawing, depicting a fight between a centaur and a female faun, is one of a pair found in the Schwabing Art Trove; the other is listed as Lost Art ID: 478213.

The pair was sold in 1929 by the dealer Ferault of Paris, 16, rue Saint-Ferdinand.

Both drawings were also among the over 70 works with the art dealer Raphaël Gérard in Paris in 1944. It is unclear whether at the time Gérard and/or Gurlitt owned or co-owned these works, whether they had been placed on commission, or indeed simply deposited with Gérard. It is

conspicuous that an inventory of works with Gérard was drawn up in the very late stages of the war; one possible hypothesis is that Gurlitt placed for safekeeping with Gérard works that he had acquired in occupied Paris, with the intention of moving these objects at a later date.

In 1953, some of these works were shipped to Gurlitt in Dusseldorf, while others remained with Gérard until 1957 (at Gurlitt's cost). The inscription "53A" on verso refers to two inventories of artworks with Gérard, one dated 28 April 1944, the other dating from about September 1953. The Tiepolo pair is respectively referred to herein as "TIEPOLO: Deux dessins" (1944) and "Tiepolo – Zeichnung" (1953).

A very similar composition now at the Los Angeles County Museum of Art (accession no. 65-15).

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