



**Giovanni Battista Tiepolo**

**Head of a doge**

Ink on paper mounted on cardboard, 264 x 200 mm

on verso, on cardboard, centre left, inscribed in red pen: "16"; centre, in pencil: "61"; lower left, in pencil: "G. B. Tiepolo"; lower right, in pencil: "40 x 30"

**Provenance:**

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Roger Delapalme, Paris (per Cornelius Gurlitt Papers)

Acquired after February 1941: Hildebrand Gurlitt, Hamburg (per Cornelius Gurlitt Papers)

By descent to Cornelius Gurlitt, Munich/Salzburg

From 6 May 2014: Estate of Cornelius Gurlitt

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Business records Hildebrand Gurlitt

Correspondence Hildebrand Gurlitt

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**Notes:**

The drawing is not included in the catalogue raisonné by Aldo Rizzi. A similar drawing titled *Testa Virile (Male head)* is listed at no. 37.

The first known owner of this work was Roger Delapalme (1892 Paris–1969 Paris), the son of the public notary Pierre-Marie Delapalme. Roger Delapalme was professionally employed in the management of the Compagnie des Courtiers Jurés d'assurances, an insurance company, where he served first as Treasurer and then as Deputy Director. His wife Yvonne was the daughter of Henry Chabert, the director of the Banque de Paris et des Pays-Bas. The couple lived in Paris at 92, rue de Richelieu

The extant papers of Cornelius Gurlitt contain an inventory of art works said to belong to Roger Delapalme of Paris, 65, rue La Boétie, as appraised by the art expert François Max-Kann in early 1941. This appraisal itemizes 40 lots (comprising a total of 44 artworks), including this Tiepolo drawing.

While the exact circumstances of the transaction are not yet known, it is most likely that Gurlitt acquired these works after February 1941, possibly through Max-Kann who may have acted as intermediary.

The personal papers found in Cornelius Gurlitt's Salzburg home include a collection of about 2,400 photographs of artworks. Photograph no. 12.1\_F12192 is a reproduction of this work.

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