



Honoré Daumier

on recto, **Portrait d'homme barbu (Portrait of a bearded man)** on verso, **Étude de têtes masculines (Studies of male heads)**

Watercolour on paper, 170 x 190 mm on recto, lower left, the artist's monogram on cardboard mount, recto, lower left, inscribed in pencil: "8" on cardboard mount, verso, upper right, inscribed in pencil: "8"

Provenance:

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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

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Note:

This work was one of 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 "8" on verso refers to two inventories of artworks with Gérard, one dated 28 April 1944, the other dating from about September 1953. This work is respectively referred to herein as "Daumier, Dessin double face" (1944) and "Daumier, Zweiseitige Zeichnung" (1953).

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