



Pierre-Paul Prud'hon

Adam et Ève chassés du paradis terrestre (Adam and Eve Expelled from Paradise)

Oil on canvas, 38.5 cm x 46.4 cm

on recto, on frame, lower centre, on a metal plate: "PRUD'HON"

on verso, on frame, upper centre, handwritten label: "2006/3"; typewritten label: "Regal 248" [with correction: 238]; centre right, printed orange label: "EXPOSITION d[...]" ; that label annotated: "Amsterdam", "101" [?]; lower right, small handwritten label: "10036"

on stretcher, centre right, on orange label "Prudhon[?]"; that label pasted over, partially concealing an oval label with red border: "[...] 5, Rue de la Terrasse. PARIS", on which has been written in pencil: "[...] Rue Rivoli"; lower right, inscribed in pencil: "Vente Rouart 1913"

on vertical stretcher bar, label stamped: "DOUANES FRANÇAISES PARIS, SERVICE DES EXPOSITIONS"; handwritten label: "Laperlier 1867 / Prud'hon/ No 43. Adam et Eve [chassés du paradis terrestre?]" ; that label annotated in pencil: "Fot."

on canvas, centre right, black stamp in oval: "BELOT / rue de Larbre-Sec / N.º 3."

Provenance:

Charles-Boulanger de Boisfremont, Paris

Mme Veuve Power, nee Boisfremont

Sale: Vente après décès de Mme Veuve Power (per Goncourt)

Acquired at the above sale: Laurent Laperlier, Paris and Mustapha, Algeria

Sale: Vente Laperlier, Hôtel Drouot, Paris, 11–13 April 1867, lot 43

Acquired at the above sale: Adolphe Dugléré, Paris

Sale: Vente Dugléré, Hôtel Drouot, Paris, 11 June 1884, lot 32

Henry Rouart, Paris

Sale: Vente Rouart, Galerie Manzi-Joyant, Paris, 9 December 1912, lot 64

By 1922: Jacques Baudrier

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Roger Delapalme (per Cornelius Gurlitt Papers)

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

1945–1950 Central Collecting Point Wiesbaden, no. WIE 2006/3
From 15 December 1950: Hildebrand Gurlitt, Dusseldorf
By descent to Cornelius Gurlitt, Munich/Salzburg
From 6 May 2014: Estate of Cornelius Gurlitt

Exhibitions:

Exposition des œuvres de Prud'hon au profit de sa fille. École de Beaux-Arts, Paris, 4 May–4 July 1874. [no. 49]
Exposition P. P. Prud'hon. Palais des Beaux-Arts, Paris May–June 1922. [no. 121]
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Photograph of the painting

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Note:

The first known owner of this work was Charles Boulanger de Boisfremont (1773?–1838), one of the pages of Louis XVI. The work was subsequently owned by collectors Laurent Laperlier (1805–1878), Adolphe Dugléré (1805–1884), Henry Rouart (1833–1912), Jacques Baudrier, and Roger Delapalme respectively.

Roger Delapalme (1892 Paris–1969 Paris) was 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 Boëtie, 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 Prud'hon painting.

While the exact circumstances of acquisition are not yet known, it is most likely that Gurlitt

acquired this work 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. 7.1_F7104, is a reproduction of this work; inscribed on verso, a statement of authenticity by François Max-Kann, dated 10 June 1942.

The label "Regal 248" [corr. 238] (on frame verso) indicates the painting's specific location in the storage facilities of the Wiesbaden Central Collecting Point in the immediate post-war period.

The black stamp on canvas verso refers to Belot, a famous French supplier of fine arts materials. The oval label with red border from the art shipping company Chenue Emballeur, 5, Rue de Terrasse, Paris.

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