



Honoré Daumier

Pardon, monsieur le directeur... (Pardon me Monsieur...), 1859

Monochrome lithograph on paper, 277 x 356 mm

in the stone, lower left, the artist's monogram; lower right, inscribed: "1000"

printed inscriptions, upper centre: "NAÏVETÉS."; upper right: "2."; lower left: "m^{on} Martinet, 172, r. Rivoli et 41, r. Vivienne"; lower centre: "Pardou, monsieur le directeur, je viens vous dire que ma fille est absolument forcée de s'absenter pendant trois jours. Mais, c'est impossible !..... elle a un rôle important dans le drame que nous jouons.... Si vous le permettez, monsieur, je le remplirai à sa place oh! soyez tranquille, je le sais par cœur.... je suis toujours dans la salle pendant que ma fille est en scène!..."

on recto, inscribed in pencil, lower left: "LD 3154", "HD 2133"; lower centre: [illegible]

on verso, at centre, inscribed in pencil: "Daumier", "LD 3154", "2133"

Provenance:

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By latest 2012: Cornelius Gurlitt, Munich/Salzburg

From 6 May 2014: Estate of Cornelius Gurlitt

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Note:

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This plate is no. 2 of the series *Naïveté* and was first published in the satirical journal *Le Charivari* on 21 March 1859.

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