

**Eugène Delacroix****Etude de lion (Sketch of a lion), 1841**

Pencil on paper, 190 x 120 mm

on recto, lower right, red stamp: "E.D" [Lugt 838a or 838?]; inscribed in pencil, upper centre: "cotes", "epau"; lower left: "30 août 1841"

on verso, lower right, inscribed in pencil: "Delacroix 15"

**Provenance:**

Estate of the artist (?)

Possible sale: Vente Eugène Delacroix, Hôtel Drouot, Paris, 17–29 February 1864 (per stamp?)

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By latest 2012: Cornelius Gurlitt, Munich/Salzburg

From 6 May 2014: Estate of Cornelius Gurlitt

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**Note:**

It is unclear to date whether the stamp “E.D” is the true Delacroix mark [Lugt 838a] or the false mark used by the artist’s assistant Pierre Andrieu [Lugt 838]. If verified as the former, this would indicate that the watercolour was included in the sale of Delacroix’ estate in 1864. In that sale, drawings were listed by subject matter, sometimes in lots comprising numerous items, with descriptive titles but without measurements or illustrations. It has not so far been possible to identify this particular drawing in the sale catalogue.

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