



**Jean-Baptiste Le Prince**

**L'Avant-Garde (The Avant-Garde), 1766**

Ink on paper, mounted on cardboard, 350 x 233 mm  
on recto, lower right, signed and dated: "Le Prince 1766"  
watermark at centre: "GR"

**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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**Note:**

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 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 Le Prince 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.

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