



Max Liebermann

Selbstbildnis des Künstlers an der Staffelei (Self-portrait of the artist at the easel)

Ink on velin, mounted on cardboard, 141 x 110 mm

on recto, lower right, signed in ink: "MLiebermann"; inscribed in pencil, lower left: "2170/8"; lower right: "59"; upper right, faint trace of an illegible inscription (rendered visible on account of adhesive tape on verso)

on verso, inscribed in pencil, upper centre: "Nr. 10"; lower right: "17"

Provenance:

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By latest 1954: Hildebrand Gurlitt, Dusseldorf (per exh. cat.)

By descent to Cornelius Gurlitt, Munich/Salzburg

From 6 May 2014: Estate of Cornelius Gurlitt

Exhibition:

Max Liebermann 1847–1935. Kunsthalle Bremen, 1954. [no. 191, as *Der Künstler bei der Arbeit*]

Primary sources:Ergänzung

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Correspondence Hildebrand Gurlitt – possible references:

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Database “Entartete Kunst”

Database “Kunstsammlung Hermann Göring”

Getty Provenance Index, German Sales Catalogs

Lootedart.com

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Répertoire des Biens Spoliés

Rijksbureau voor Kunsthistorische Documentatie

Verzeichnis national wertvoller Kunstwerke (“Reichsliste von 1938”)

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Note:

Since this work is signed and does not bear an estate stamp, it is unlikely that it was part of the Liebermann estate.

Seven other drawings have similar numbering on verso (cf. Lost Art IDs: 477939 [“2170/8”, “71”], 477941 [“2170/8”, “58”], 477948 [“2170/8”, “63”], 477950 [“2170/8”, “64”], 477960 [“2170/8”, “60”], 477967 [“2170/8”, “61”], 478289 [“2170/8”, “62”]).

This work is mounted together with the Liebermann drawing *Self-portrait of the artist whilst drawing outdoors* (Lost Art ID: 478282). The two works were mounted as a pair by latest 1954, when they were shown together at the Kunsthalle Bremen.

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