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Sitzender weiblicher Rückenakt mit rotem Rock (Female Nude Seated on Red Draper, Back View) Egon Schiele

Measures: 19 x 12 1/2 " (48.2 x 31.8 cm) Inventorynumber by Jane Kallir: 1504

## Description:

107. Sitzende von rückwärts gesehen, mit nacktem Oberkörper und rotem Lendentuch. Tempera. 37,5:26 cm. Signiert und datiert 1914 (Siehe Abbildung Tafel 16)

As per Jane Kallier: Egon Schiele, The Complete Works 1998, New York: №:1504

Female Nude Seated on Red Draper, Back View

Rückenansicht eines auf rotem Tuch sitzenden Mädchens

Gouache, watercolor, and pencit. Signed and dated, lower right. (48.2 x 31.8 cm).

## Provenance:

**As per Jane Kallier: Egon Schiele, The Complete Works 1998, New York:** Gutekunst & Klipstein, Nov. 24, 1955, lot 107 1

Exhibitions: London, 1964, no. 67, ill.; Hamburg, 1981, no. 214, ill.

As per Albertina (letter from 25th of October 2005 signed by Director Dr. Klaus Albert Schröder):

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Donation by Ms. Elisabeth Lederer, wife and Widow of Erich Lederer (most important collectors of Schiele). Today Albertina has no certain proof from where Erich Lederer acquired the work. **As per Correspondence Kornfeld/Bratschi (handed over by Thomas Buomberger** delivery via Mail (1 roll, 1 parcel) from Brüssel to Bern August 22nd, 1955

The law firm of Dunnington Bartholow & Miller LLP is leading efforts to recover Fritz Grunbaum's stolen art collection on behalf of his heirs. On August 4, 2016, Justice Charles Ramos (Supreme Court, New York County) in a case captioned Reif v. Nagy permitted the heirs' claims to proceed against London art dealer Richard Nagy and denied the application of the art title insurance company ARIS to intervene in the action. This case is currently proceeding. In 2014, as commemorated in a ceremony featuring former District Attorney Robert Morgenthau at the Museum of Jewish Heritage – A Living Memorial To The Holocaust, Dunnington negotiated the restitution and auction of Schiele's Town on the Blue River at Christie's auction house in a very successful sale. The high auction price shows that it pays to do the right thing. The heirs would appreciate any information about the artworks stolen from Fritz Grunbaum while he was in the Dachau Concentration Camp and would appreciate any persons of good faith voluntarily stepping forward to return these artworks. The heirs call on art historians and experts in the museum community to have the courage to release scholarly reports on the stolen items in museum collections and to call on the governments of Austria and the United States to work towards taking these stolen artworks out of museum collections.