



Sich umarmende Akte (Embracing nudes)
Egon Schiele

Measures: 19 1/8 x 10 1/2 " (48.5 x 26.7 cm)
Inventorynumber by Jane Kallir: 1606

Description:

As per Gute Kunst und Klippstein, Catalogue, Auction № 57 from 1956: Nr. 35

Sich umarmende Akte. Schwarze Kreide u. Tempera. 48,5. 26,7 cm.

Vollendet schönes farbiges Blatt von monumentaler plastischer Wirkung. Auf Japan. Voll signiert und «1914» datiert.

As per Jane Kallir: Egon Schiele, The Complete Works 1998, New York:1606

Embracing Nudes Sich umarmende Akte

Gouache and black crayon. Signed and dated, lower right. (48.5 x 26.7 cm). Rudolf Leopold

Provenance:

As per Jane Kallir: Egon Schiele, The Complete Works 1998, New York: Gutekunst & Klippstein, Bern; Galerie St.Etienne, New York; Otto Schönthal

As per: „Leopold, Rudolf; Schiele, Egon [III.]; Ausstellung Egon Schiele - Die Sammlung Leopold, Wien, 1995“ ISBN 3-7701-3474-5:

Gutekunst & Klippstein, Bern; Gallery St. Etienne, New York; Otto Schönthal, Vienna; Rudolf Leopold, Vienna

As per research database Leopoldmuseum (2011):

THE LOST COLLECTION OF FRITZ GRÜNBAUM

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(1939) Franz Friedrich Grünbaum (pseudonym: Fritz Grünbaum), Vienna (7.April 1880-14.January 1941);(1)

1941 Elisabeth Grünbaum, Vienna, (28.4.1898-10.10.1942);

[Elisabeth Grünbaum was - according to a testament which was presented 1954 on the occasion of to file a petition to the declaration of death- residuary legatee of Franz Friedrich Grünbaum.] (2)

Mathilde Lukacs, Vienna, afterwards (from approximately 1946) Brussels; [Mathilde Lukacs nee Herzl (30.September 1883-15.December 1979) was a sister of Elisabeth Grünbaum, nee Herzl.]

1956 Klipstein & Kornfeld, Bern (Purchase of Mathilde Lukacs); (3)

Early/mid sixties private collection Rudolf Leopold, Vienna (Purchase of Otto Kallir via Otto Schönthal); (4)

1994 Leopold Museum (foundation).

As per Correspondence Kornfeld/Bratschi (handed over by Thomas Buomberger Delivery from Bruxelles to Bern by E.W. Kornfeld, November 11th 1955 for purchase (December 7th, 1955): BookkeepingNr. 36513

As per Dossier Fritz Grünbaum, provenance research bm:ukk – LMP, Mag. Dr. Sonja Niederacher, June, 30th 2010 (S 89ff): Presumable part of the Collection Grünbaum

The law firm of Dunnington Bartholow & Miller LLP is leading efforts to recover Fritz Grünbaum'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 Grünbaum 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.