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Stadt am blauen Fluss (Town on the blue river)
Egon Schiele

Measures: 17 1/4 x 12 3/8" (45 x 31.5 cm) Inventorynumber by Jane Kallir: 742

Description:

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

Skizze zur «Stadt am blauen Fluss». Kohlestift u. Aquarell 45:31,6 cm.

Farbig reiche und voll durchgeführte Studie aus Krumau, der « Stadt am blauen Fluss oder «I)ie rote Stadt». Das endgültige Bild dieses Titels wurde von einem andern Standort aus gemalt als die vorliegende Skizze. Monogrammiert und datiert « 10».

As per Jane Kallier: Egon Schiele, The Complete Works 1998, New York: №:742

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Gouache, watercolor, and charcoal. Initialed ,,S" and dated, lower right. (45 x 31.5 cm).

Provenance:

The auction house Christie's sold Schiele's 1910 watercolor "Town on the Blue River," on Nov. 5 in conjunction with a restitution agreement that treats the work as looted art and provided compensation to Grünbaum's heirs.

As per Jane Kallier: Egon Schiele, The Complete Works 1998, New York: Fritz Grünbaum; Gutekunst & Klipstein, Bern; Galerie St. Etienne, New York; Frederick Gerstel As per Catalog "Egon Schiele" Würthle Gallery, Vienna 1925:

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As per Correspondence Kornfeld/Bratschi (handed over by Thomas Buomberger Delivery to Bern by M. Lukacs, April 24th 1956 for purchase (May 22nd, 1956): BookkeepingNr. 36783

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.