

SA1191061

AMUSING WATERCOLOUR BY FORTUNINO MATANIA

Price

GBP 580

| USD \$783 | EUR 678

Item Reference: SA1191061

Date of manufacture: Edwardian

Dimensions

Height = 48 cm (18.9")

Width = 61 cm (24.0")

Depth = 5 cm (2.0")

Description

FORTUNINO MATANIA**: a typically finely detailed monochrome (sometimes known as "en grisaille") WATERCOLOUR PAINTING which depicts various schoolboys scrapping in their classroom. This amusing picture captures the moment when three smaller boys set upon a larger one, (perhaps a bully?) beside a brickwork fireplace, whilst to one side a fourth boy enjoys a brief "rest". Signed, lower left-hand corner. 19 x 24ins (48 x 61cms) including the original ebonised and gilded frame. ** FORTUNINO MATANIA (1881-1963) was a talented Italian artist, born in Naples, who designed his first work (an advertisement for soap) at just 9 years of age and exhibited at the Naples Academy two years later. At the outbreak of the First World War he became famous for his graphic depictions of life in the trenches, but it was when that war was over that he cemented his career as a most heralded, and now highly-collected artist. He filled his London studio with reproductions of Roman furniture and studied the history books for suitably lively subjects, which together with the help of models and statues, enabled him to produce wonderful watercolours to great acclaim. He exhibited regularly at the ...

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