

SA231495

Carle Vernet Set of Three Aquatints of Mamelucks

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA231495****Date of manufacture: 1960**

Description

After Carle Vernet Set of Three Aquatints printed in colour and finished by hand. c1960 'Mameluck en Eclairer' (Scouting Mameluck), 'Mameluck drefsant son cheval' (Mameluck with unsound horse), and 'Mameluck gravifsant les Mzontagner'. Highly Decorative. Mameluck was a warrior caste dominant in Egypt and influential in the Middle East for over 700 years. Islamic rulers created this warrior caste by collecting non-Muslim slave boys and training them as cavalry soldiers especially loyal to their owner and each other. They converted to Islam in the course of their training. The Mamluks were first used in Muslim armies in Baghdad by the Abbasid caliphs in the 9th cent. and quickly spread throughout the Muslim world. They served the Ayyubid sultans from the 12th cent. onward and grew powerful enough to challenge the existence of the rulers who were theoretically their masters. Aybak, the first Mamluk to actually rule, persuaded (1250) the mother of the last Ayyubid sultan to marry him after she had murdered her son. For more than 250 years thereafter, Egypt and Syria were ruled by Mamluk sultans supported by a caste of warrior slaves, from which the sultans were chosen. The...

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