

SA669166

William Hogarth The Distrest Poet Engraving 1740

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA669166****Date of manufacture: 18th Century**

Dimensions

Height = 59 cm (23.2")

Width = 62 cm (24.4")

Depth = 4 cm (1.6")

Description

A rare lifetime engraving of 'THE DISTREST POET' by William Hogarth, 1740. The publication line states: 'Invented Painted Engraved & Publish'd by Wm. Hogarth December the 15. 1740. according to the act of parliament. Price 3 Shillings.' The inclusion of 'Price 3 Shillings' in the publication line indicates that this was published within Hogarth's lifetime - it was removed from later states. Visible plate 35 1/4cm x 40 3/4cm (59cm x 62cm including frame). A good, clean impression, probably framed in the 1960's within a black and gilt frame with green watered silk slip. Not inspected out of the frame so not sure of margin size. William Hogarth was one of the most influential artists of the 18th century and is best known for his satirical engravings. The 'Distrest Poet' was first painted in oils by Hogarth in 1736 and depicts his satire on the impoverished poet who is only concerned with his composition (labelled ironically Riches - A Poem) rather than the upkeep of his family. Hogarth depicts the interior of a bare attic bedroom with the poet dressed in a dressing gown engaged in composition, totally ignoring the angry lady at the door waving a long, unpaid account....

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