

SA919933

Willem Witsen, Oude Waal, Amsterdam - Antique Etching

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA919933****Date of manufacture: 1910**

Dimensions

Height = 54 cm (21.3")

Width = 68 cm (26.8")

Depth = 2 cm (0.8")

Description

This charming early 20th-century etching by Dutch artist Willem Witsen (1860-1923) depicts a canalside scene on the Oude Waal in Amsterdam. He studied this view from a moored 'studio boat'. Here we see several figures caught in perpetuity while undertaking everyday activities. A boy carries a hoop, two women watch the world go by from concrete steps, an older gentleman waits in a doorway. At number 78, a hand-written sign indicates that this is a laundrette run by the Veltkamp sisters. While at number 82, we see 'Slijterij Veenhoven', a liquor store. Witsen painted, and drew, several versions of Oude Waal including an oil painting, which appeared at Christie's in 2016. There's also an interesting study at the Rijksmuseum. Today, the architectural facade looks broadly the same but the building numbers are different - refer to 32-34 Oude Waal on Google Maps. Note too that the view has been reversed when the etching was pressed. In reality, the buildings are switched around. Signed in pencil lower right and framed. Limited edition of 100 etchings. Learn more about Willem Witsen in our directory. Medium: Etching on paper Overall size: 27" x 21" / 68cm x 54cm Year of cre...

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