

SA950306

Richard Wintzer, A Young Woman & Bathing Machine - Pen and Ink Drawing

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA950306****Date of manufacture: 1900**

Dimensions

Height = 44 cm (17.3")

Width = 36 cm (14.2")

Depth = 2 cm (0.8")

Description

This early 20th-century drawing by German artist Richard Wintzer (1866-1952) depicts a lady standing before a bathing machine. It's a risqué portrayal given the date so it's likely that it's his wife, Alma. She stands with one arm on a wooden door, posed as if at ballet practice, dressed in a sleeveless swimming costume. The bathing machine protects her dignity from the gaze of potential beach onlookers. In 1904, when Wintzer produced this charming drawing, times were a little different and ladies were expected to cover up. In 1907, Annette Kellerman, an Australian swimmer had the audacity to don a swimsuit, which revealed her arms, legs and her neck, during a visit to the USA. She was arrested for public indecency. If Wintzer's wife Alma had wandered too far from the confines of the bathing machine, she too could've suffered the same fate. Of course, for men, the rules didn't apply with equal fervour. Bathing machines were a common sight during the late 18th and throughout the 19th century. These small mobile changing rooms were often wheeled into the water, allowing the incumbent to paddle with privacy. First witnessed in Margate, England, they reached their heyday fo...

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