

SA958862

Aquatint entitled Bedford Square from John Piper's Brighton Aquatints

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA958862****Date of manufacture: 1930**

Dimensions

Height = 25 cm (9.8")

Width = 38 cm (15.0")

Depth = 1 cm (0.4")

Description

Aquatint entitled Bedford Square from John Piper's Brighton Aquatints. This aquatint depicts a small square, opening onto the promenade at Hove, just east of Brunswick Terrace and Embassy Court building. The Regency houses are stuccoed, and some of them painted in yellows, greys and browns. Others are of unpainted stucco, and all their pale colours, in the words of John Piper, 'mingle like the counterpoint in the slow movement of a symphony. The verandahs and awnings provide their decorative motif and in their bowed house fronts Piper saw an ebullience that suited the seaside scene. Piper declared that 'They are, in feeling, as near as English architecture ever is to the spirit of a Rowlandson. Print - a rare English spirit that combines health and heartiness with sense and elegance. For Piper 'On a misty October morning the beauty of shapes and colours in Bedford Square takes the breath away. The yellow and grey houses appear through the faint yellow-grey mist; the sea begins to sparkle with prickly sunlight beyond the fanciful bandstand on the promenade- even the Brighton Corporation lamp-standard has a suitable gaiety.' This aquatint is from the edition of 195 uncol...

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