



Henri de Toulouse-Lautrec
Pauvre Pierreuse! (Poor Prostitute!), 1893

Monochrome lithograph on Japan paper, 400 x 240 mm

in the stone, centre, the artist's monogram

on recto, lower right, stamp: the monogram "R.M." in an oval [Lugt 2229]; inscribed in pencil: "Lautrec"

on verso, inscribed in pencil: "Lautrec 620", "Pauvre pierreuse sur japon avant letter", "D26", "1er état", "sur 3"; lower right, blue stamp: "E.L." [Lugt 877a]

Provenance:

Roger Marx, Paris (per stamp)

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Émile Laffon, Paris (per stamp)

Sale: Collection de Mr. & Mme. Émile Laffon, Kundig and Prouté, Zurich, 7–8 April 1938, lot 458

Paul Prouté, Paris, acquired at the above sale (per annotated auct. cat.)

Most likely in the 1940s: Hildebrand Gurlitt, acquired from the above

Thence by descent to Cornelius Gurlitt, Munich/Salzburg

From 6 May 2014: Estate of Cornelius Gurlitt

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Note:

One of an edition of about 100 impressions, possibly a proof print.

This work originated in the collection of Roger Marx (1859 Nancy–1913 Paris), the editor-in-chief of the *Gazette des Beaux-Arts*. It subsequently passed to Émile Laffon (1868–1931), whose collection was dispersed at two posthumous sales. The first, which was held by Sotheby's London in 1936, comprised watercolours and paintings by Eugène Boudin. The second, in Zurich in 1938, included both Old Master and modernist works on paper. Paul Prouté, who served as one of the auction's experts, acquired this sheet at that sale.

This sheet is marked with the price code used by the art dealer Paul Prouté of Paris (1887–1981). It was most likely acquired by Hildebrand Gurlitt in the 1940s, during the Occupation.

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