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Foreword

We are delighted to present *The Eighteenth Century in Italy*, the third in the series of exhibitions devoted to New York collections of drawings, jointly organized by The Metropolitan Museum of Art and The Pierpont Morgan Library. The first exhibition, held at the Metropolitan Museum in 1965, consisted of drawings of the Italian Renaissance; the second, held at the Morgan Library in 1967, was concerned with Italian drawings of the seventeenth century. This third exhibition, showing the splendors of eighteenth-century Italy, is the largest and richest in the series, and Venetian draughtsmanship is accounted for in a particularly magnificent fashion. This comprehensiveness is made possible by the connoisseurship of those New York collectors of the past and present who fell under the spell of eighteenth-century Italy.

The exhibition comes as a happy conclusion to The Metropolitan Museum of Art's centennial celebrations and again marks the long and felicitous collaboration between our two institutions. Once more, the exhibition and catalogue are the work of Jacob Bean and Felice Stampfl, who have been most ably assisted at every stage by Linda Boyer Gillies and Cara Dufour. We are profoundly grateful to the New York collectors, public and private, who have so generously supported this exhibition.

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Introduction

The emergence and development of draughtsmanship in the principal Italian artistic centers—from the early Renaissance through the course of the seventeenth century—has been traced and illustrated in our two previous exhibitions. In the second, devoted to the seventeenth century in Italy, several forward-looking artists, Giovanni Benedetto Castiglione, Luca Giordano, and Gregorio de’ Ferreri, were singled out as artistic prophets of what was to come in the following century, and the present exhibition, devoted to the eighteenth century in Italy, opens with the work of two highly influential transitional figures, the Neapolitan Francesco Solimena and the Venetian Sebastiano Ricci, whose drawings could equally well have figured in the previous show, since their working careers begin in the Seicento and finish in the Settecento.

One of the most significant features of the artistic scene in eighteenth-century Italy is the reemergence of Venice and Venetia as a major center in the peninsula and an exporter on a large scale of painters and paintings to the principal countries of northern Europe. From the relative doldrums of the seventeenth century, Venice rose again in the eighteenth to preeminence and produced in Giovanni Battista Tiepolo one of the greatest of Italian decorators, a worthy heir to his sixteenth-century predecessor, Paolo Veronese. Giambattista is supreme in his century in Venice, but the stature of his immediate forerunners, Sebastiano Ricci and Piazzetta, is considerable. They, too, are gifted, original artists, and in their figure styles, both as painters and draughtsmen, they prepare the way for Giambattista—Sebastiano with his nervous flickering line used in conjunction with transparent wash, and Piazzetta with his vigorous chiaroscuro effects.

Giambattista dominated the Venetian scene as he dominates the present exhibition with ninety-six drawings out of the total of 300. Following closely are his son Domenico with forty-six drawings, Francesco Guardi with twenty-eight, and Piranesi with twenty-three. This rich representation reflects the high merit of the work of these four masterful draughtsmen, and the incomparable resources of New York collections in the field of eighteenth-century Venetian draughtsmanship. Drawing on these local resources alone, four separate and remarkably comprehensive monographic exhibitions could have been arranged; they are offered here as four selective presentations placed within a panoramic view of the Italian artistic scene in the eighteenth century.

Both as painter and draughtsman Giambattista Tiepolo was magically inventive and enor-
mously productive. He handled chalk, pen, and wash with consummate ease and speed. His surviving drawn oeuvre, which is vast, ranges from highly finished compositions produced as artistic ends in themselves to the rapid, spontaneous notations of a fleeting idea. There are long series of drawings that offer lively variations on a given theme, religious or secular, and then, of course, sheets that are clearly studies for a specific painted work. Drawings that fall in the latter category are surprisingly rare, and one can only surmise that Giambattista drew a good deal of the time for sheer pleasure, and that his drawings were kept in the studio as a working reference library of motifs; an autograph figure drawing might recall as much as adumbrate a theme in a painted composition. Indeed, a large group of chalk drawings exactly corresponding to details in Giambattista’s paintings at Würzburg and formerly attributed to him are now generally considered to be records made by his pupils (see Nos. 153, 154, and 239).

The most sizable group of drawings certainly by Giambattista that can be confidently associated with a major project is to a very large extent present at this exhibition. These are the pen and wash drawings for the frescoed decoration of the Gallery of the Palazzo Clerici in Milan, a work datable 1740 (Nos. 74–95). Graphic style unifies this group; agile swelling pen contours model figures that take on an almost weightless plasticity through bold applications of transparent brown wash that contrast with the white of the page, achieving a dazzling luminosity. The wash used by Giambattista on the greater part of the Clerici drawings is of a characteristic golden brown tonality, but in other sheets equally assignable with the project he uses a much darker, less transparent wash (Nos. 91–93). Some of the drawings in the Palazzo Clerici group, which represent the peak of Giambattista’s seemingly effortless achievement as a draughtsman, are specifically connectible with figures in the oil sketch for the ceiling (for example, Nos. 78, 79), some with figures in the fresco itself (Nos. 88–93), while others are loosely associative with the group on stylistic and iconographic grounds (Nos. 81–87). The full gamut of Giambattista’s draughtsmanship is represented, from the heavy, vigorous figure style of the 1720s to the electric, abbreviated manner of his later years, the latter particularly well exemplified by the studies for the decorations of the Palazzo Trento–Valmarana in Vicenza (Nos. 144–146).

Venetian draughtsmanship of the eighteenth century is characterized by its increasing independence of painted work—drawings were more and more often produced as ends in themselves—and the same phenomenon may be observed in contemporary France. Furthermore, draughtsmen investigated, invented, or developed new subject matter that had been only sporadically treated in previous centuries: scherzi di fantasia (fantastic jokes—very much to the taste of the time), scenes of contemporary life, caricatures, landscape capriccios, and, in contrast, almost photographically exact city views and landscapes.

Giambattista excelled at scherzi di fantasia and caricature, and even touched on the contemporary scene; all these are subjects studied with wit and elegance by his most gifted son, Domenico. As prolific a draughtsman as his father, Domenico is very strongly represented in this exhibition, which includes eight of his tolerantly ironical scenes of contemporary life and sixteen episodes from his life of Punchinello, produced at the very end of the artist’s career at the turn of the century.

The landscape capriccio, in which a fanciful romantic view may by chance include a real or imaginary building or ruin, was launched in Venice by Marco Ricci, nephew of Sebastiano.
Marco’s drawn and painted production served as point of departure for Canaletto and Francesco Guardi. Canaletto, of course, made a specialty as well of vedute esatte—exact views after nature, and both these aspects of his work are well represented here.

The strikingly individual Francesco Guardi, trained as a figure painter in his elder brother Gianantonio’s studio, emerges as an independent painter of Venetian vedute esatte about 1750, no doubt hoping to capture some of Canaletto’s market. Guardi’s exact representations of the Venetian scene, often embellished with the macchiette—staffage figures that serve in a sense as his signature—are present here, as are some of his most brilliant architectural and landscape capriccios, all of them highly original flights of graphic fancy.

Giovanni Battista Piranesi, brilliant, original etcher of the most famous of Roman views, was Venetian by birth and training, and his origins are clearly evident in the style of a number of his drawings (Nos. 219–224). He was briefly active as a practicing architect (Nos. 227, 233), but most of his ideas for architecture and decoration had expression only on paper (Nos. 217, 233, 234).

Piranesi leads us to Rome where the artistic scene appears serious and conservative in opposition to Venice’s light-hearted taste for the scherzo and the capriccio. Still an artistic center of international importance, Rome is accounted for here by Bracci’s tomb designs, which testify to the vitality of the Roman sculptural tradition, and by Benedetto Luti’s fine drawn bozzetto for an important history picture full of Marattesque solemnity. Rome itself was the subject of subjects for view painters, and Pannini, a very talented local specialist in that vein, is represented by a large drawn model for a painted view of the Palazzo di Montecitorio. Pier Leone Ghezzi is the Roman caricaturist of the time, while Giuseppe Cades’s drawings reveal the neoclassic currents that appear in Rome relatively early in the century.

Naples remains an active center, though the rough vigor of local Seicento draughtsmanship is tempered in the eighteenth century by the elegance of Solimena’s contours. Corrado Giaquinto, Fedele Fischetti, Paolo de Matteis, Francesco de Mura, and Domenico Mondo are all, each in his own way, conspicuously indebted to Solimena, Naples’s eighteenth-century capo scuola.

In the north of Italy a number of regions maintain healthy independence. Bologna remains essentially conservative: Aureliano Milani reflects the persistent and invigorating influence of Ludovico Carracci; Donato Creti and the Gandolfi that of the Carracci academy and of Guido Reni; and Giuseppe Maria Crespi is more original in his paintings than in his drawings, which reveal his local academic training. Genoa produces in Magnasco an independent and idiosyncratic draughtsman, and Lorenzo de Ferrari continues the strong local decorative tradition, following in the footsteps of his father. Florence, by now provincial, contributes the decorator Galeotti and the landscape draughtsmen Zucarelli and Zocchi. Further north, in Lombardy, the too little known Paolo Pagani evolves a rococo style that had far-reaching influence in central Europe.

Throughout the peninsula talented and original artists appear, but in retrospect at least, Venice dominates the scene by the variety and inventiveness of her artistic contribution.

Though this is a large exhibition—the largest in our series and the largest show of drawings devoted to one school and period ever organized on this continent—it is only partially encyclo-
pedic. A number of delightful eighteenth-century Italian draughtsmen have had to be omitted in the interest of a full presentation of the drawings of the major masters of the time. In making our selection we have been faced with a most agreeable problem, an embarrassment of riches. A long-standing and exemplary partiality among New York's institutions and private collectors for Italian—and particularly Venetian—drawings of the eighteenth century has resulted in a formidable concentration that makes possible a display of drawings by Giambattista and Domenico Tiepolo, Francesco Guardi, and Piranesi that could not easily be equaled in any other center. Giambattista is the star of this occasion, not only because he is certainly the greatest Italian figure draughtsman of the century, but because of the incomparable quality and range of the several large collections of his drawings now in New York. Of the ninety-six sheets by Giambattista on exhibition thirty-four come from the Metropolitan Museum, thirty-two from the Morgan Library, twelve from the collection of Dr. and Mrs. Rudolf Heinemann, nine from the Robert Lehman Collection. And in all of these four collections and in those of other lenders there are a great many more by Giambattista that were regretfully excluded, not for reasons of quality, but in the interest of a balanced presentation of Giambattista's production.

The provenance of several of these groups of drawings deserves attention. Professor George Knox, in the introduction to his admirable catalogue of the Tiepolo drawings at the Victoria and Albert Museum, has suggested that the nine albums of Tiepolo drawings belonging to the English amateur Edward Cheney (1803–1884), which were sold at Christie's in London in 1885, contained the greater part of the drawings in Tiepolo's studio at the time of his departure for Spain in 1762. Cheney had acquired some of these albums in the 1840s from a Signor Francesco Pesaro who had had them at fourth hand from the Convent of the Somaschi in Venice, to which they are said to have been given by Giambattista. The overwhelming majority of the more than one hundred drawings by Giambattista in The Pierpont Morgan Library were originally mounted in an album. Its brown mottled calf binding, which is still preserved at the Library, is labeled TIEPOLO / DESSINS ORIGINAUX, and the fly leaf is inscribed in Cheney's own hand E. C. Venice 1852 May 31 / bought from the Conte Corniani-Algarotti. Presumably this album was one of the nine sold in 1885, at which time it was probably acquired by Charles Fairfax Murray, whose collection of drawings was purchased more or less in toto by Pierpont Morgan in 1910.

A Cheney provenance is suggested by Knox for the better part of the pen and wash drawings by Giambattista from the collection of the Marquis de Biron that are now in the Metropolitan Museum.* The stylistic homogeneity of the better part of the Biron drawings indicates that they, like those in the Morgan Library, were once grouped together in an album. Linda Boyer Gillies points out that the Biron group may very well have formed part of a dismembered album of which the binding is preserved in the Horne Foundation in Florence. This is labeled VARI / PENSIERI / T. I., and, further, on a leather label glued to the binding, TIEPOLO ORIGINAL DRAWINGS. On the first page of the album is inscribed the name Beckford, suggesting a plausible provenance, for this could be the avid collector William Beckford (1760–1844). The Florentine album, which bears no written evidence of a Cheney provenance, may have been broken up before it passed into the hands of Herbert Horne (1864–1916); in any

* The purchase of the Marquis de Biron's collection by the Metropolitan Museum in 1937 is discussed at length by J. Byam Shaw in an article in the centennial issue of the Metropolitan Museum Journal, volume 3.
case, the stubs remaining in the binding indicate that the album had 106 pages. Only forty-one are now in the Horne Foundation. Thus, there was place for the forty-four drawings now in the Metropolitan Museum. Moreover, the stylistic consistency shared by the Horne and Metropolitan drawings is further evidence that these two groups, both of which contain studies for the Palazzo Clerici, originally formed part of the same volume. Since the Morgan and the complete Horne albums both contained many studies related to the Palazzo Clerici ceiling—in fact, they contain almost all the drawings related to this project—it can be assumed that they were made up at the same time, very probably by Giambattista himself.

The two other major groups of Giambattista drawings in the exhibition are of more recent formation. Those lent by Dr. and Mrs. Rudolf Heinemann come to a large extent from the collection of drawings and prints by Giambattista and Domenico formed by the late Tomas Harris, while a good many of the Tiepolo drawings in the Robert Lehman Collection come from the Venetian material brought together by Paul Wallraf.

One important source of large-scale, highly finished drawings by Giambattista is the collection of Prince Alexis Orloff, which was dispersed at auction in Paris in 1920. A number of these splendid sheets, which because of their similarity of style, subject, and dimension, may well have been grouped together at some time in an album, have found their way to the United States, and nine are in the exhibition (Nos. 70, 72, 73, 102, 123, 124, 136, 137, 138).

Once again the catalogue entries are arranged chronologically, without regard to local schools, the date of an artist’s birth determining his place in the sequence. The bibliography is selective, limited to essential references. A list of works and exhibitions cited in abbreviated form precedes the catalogue notices. Only those exhibitions recorded in a descriptive catalogue are listed. For the first time tracings of watermarks have been supplied. They are limited to marks that appear on the drawings of Giambattista and Domenico Tiepolo, Francesco Guardi, and Canaletto that are present here. Since very few of these watermarks appear in facsimile in the standard literature on the subject, this supplement should prove useful. In the entries the number following the description of a watermark refers to the corresponding number in the appendix where the marks are illustrated.

We are much indebted to the collectors and institutions that have lent so generously to this exhibition. The reader of the catalogue will constantly encounter the names of J. J. Byam Shaw and George Knox. Mr. Byam Shaw’s books on the drawings of Francesco Guardi and Domenico Tiepolo are models of scholarship. Professor Knox has devoted many years to the study of the drawings of the Tiepolos, and most recently has compiled a very useful scholarly catalogue of a Tiepolo bicentenary exhibition held at the Fogg Art Museum. We have been very largely dependent on the works of these two scholars, and we gratefully acknowledge our debt to them.

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Catalogue
Francesco Solimena
Canale di Serino (Avellino) 1657–Barra (Naples) 1747

1 *The Arrival of Columbus in the New World*

Pen and brown ink, gray wash, over black chalk. 10 3/4 × 21 3/8 inches (26.3 × 54.2 cm.). Vertical crease at center.

Numbered in pen and brown ink at lower left, 37 (36 crossed out); in pen and brown ink on verso, 270.

Verso: Black chalk study for the same composition.

Richard Wunder recognized in the drawings on the recto and verso of this sheet Solimena’s studies for one of the three large canvases painted between 1708 and 1728 to decorate the ceiling of the Sala del Minor Consiglio in the Palazzo Ducale, Genoa, which were destroyed by fire in 1777. The three compositions represented: the *Arrival of Christopher Columbus in America*, of which the only certain record is the present preparatory drawing, where Columbus is seen at left with an allegorical figure of Christian Faith dominating the composition in the sky at center; the *Martyrdom of the Giustiniani at Chios*, known through an oil sketch at the Museo di Capodimonte in Naples (Bologna, *Solimena*, pl. 150) and a preparatory drawing in the Società Napoletana di Storia Patria (identified and repr. by Vitzthum, pl. 24); and the *Arrival of the Ashes of St. John the Baptist in Genoa*, known through an oil sketch in the De’ Ferrari collection in Genoa (Bologna, *Solimena*, pl. 152) and elaborate preparatory drawings in Stockholm (*Drawings from Stockholm* [exhibition catalogue], New York, The Pierpont Morgan Library, 1969, pl. 37) and at Holkham Hall.

The present drawing testifies to Solimena’s extraordinary gifts as a composer of large-scale historical compositions and to his elegance as a draughtsman.

**Provenance:** Richard Dalton (Lugt 782).

**Provenance:** James Hazen Hyde.


*Cooper-Hewitt Museum, Smithsonian Institution Gift of the Trustees of the Estate of James Hazen Hyde, 1960–1–92*

2 *St. Maurus Healing an Invalid*

Brush and brown wash, over black chalk. 5 1/4 × 6 7/8 inches (13.3 × 16.8 cm.). Several stains.

Inscribed in black chalk at lower right, *Solimena*; in pen on old mount, *Fr: Solimena Napolitane*.

A recently rediscovered study for the central group in a picture representing St. Maurus, disciple of St. Benedict, healing the sick during a journey to France, painted by Solimena for the Benedictine abbey of Montecassino between 1697 and 1708 and destroyed during World War II. A study for the whole horizontal composition involving other invalids being brought to St. Maurus is in the Louvre (repr. *L’Oeil*, January 1963, pp. 44–45) and oil sketches for the paintings are in Budapest and Toulon (see *Le Dessin à Naples du XVIe siècle au XVIIIe siècle* [exhibition catalogue by Walter Vitzthum], Paris, Musée du Louvre, 1967, under no. 76).

Transparent applications of light brown wash over an extremely free sketch in black chalk characterize many of Solimena’s preliminary designs, and this procedure reveals the influence of his Neapolitan predecessor Luca Giordano.

**Provenance:** Richard Dalton (Lugt 782).

*Joseph McCrindle*

3 *Deborah and Barak*

Brush and black ink, gray wash, over black chalk. 14 7/8 × 11 3/8 inches (37.9 × 30.3 cm.). Slight foxing.

Numbered in brush and gray wash at lower right, 8; in pen and brown ink on verso, 9 [7] 18.

Verso: Black chalk study of nude male figure wearing a helmet.

In this free, pictorial sketch Solimena represents the prophetess Deborah, seated under her palm tree, ordering Barak to take arms against Sisera (*Judges* 4: 5–7). The drawing is an early study for Soli-
mena's Deborah and Barak, painted in Naples during the vice-regency of Alois Raimund von Harrach from 1728 to 1733, and now in the Harrach palace in Vienna (Bologna, Solimena, pl. 175). A finished drawing in the Uffizi (Bologna, Solimena, pl. 174), less pictorial and more calligraphic in character, is closer to the picture, and Vitzthum has pointed out that the two drawings represent the extreme poles of Solimena's stylistic gamut as a draughtsman. His technique is extraordinarily loose and free in his first sketches, while his finished drawings are elegant and elaborate.


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Sebastiano Ricci
Belluno 1659–Venice 1734

5 Figure Studies

Pen and brown ink, gray wash, over red and a little black chalk. 11 1/8 × 7 1/2 inches (28.3 × 19.1 cm.).
Inscribed in pen and brown ink on mount, Sebastian Ricci.

The figures on this sheet of studies are grouped with so much grace and art that one might think that Ricci was preparing a specific religious or historical composition. Actually, he seems to have been engaged in a superior form of artistic doodling. Other sheets of studies by Sebastiano in the Louvre (Inv. 14,271) and the British Museum (1960–4–9–114) have similar elegant figures jotted on the page in the same fashion, and none is related to a known picture. In drawing such sketches Ricci kept himself in practice, and when called upon to compose one of his vast pictures, his memory and his sketchbooks could supply him with a whole repertory of graceful poses and groups. Ricci is a Janus-like figure in Venetian art. At once conservative and progressive, he looks back to Paolo Veronese (and indeed this sheet recalls Veronese's sketches) and forward to Giovanni Battista Tiepolo, on whom he had a decisive influence.

PROVENANCE: John Barnard (Lugt 1419 and 1420); Hugh N. Squire, London; purchased by the Metropolitan Museum in London, 1962.


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Faustino Bocchi
Brescia 1659–Brescia 1742

4 The Mock Visit of Ceremony

Pen and brown ink, brown and gray wash, over black chalk; squared in black chalk. Sheet: 11 3/8 × 11 1/2 inches (29.3 × 29.2 cm.); drawn surface: diameter 11 3/8 inches (28.4 cm.).
Numbered in pen and brown ink at lower right margin, 1300 1511 1592. . .

The Brescian Faustino Bocchi made a specialty of comic genre scenes, very often of circular format, featuring absurdly costumed dwarfs and hunchbacks. Other drawings, preparatory for such pictures, are in the collection of David Rust in Washington and in the Kunsthall, Zurich (Inv. 1943/10, as P. L. Ghezzi).


The Metropolitan Museum of Art
Rogers Fund, 62.119.1

6 Allegory with Figures of Hope, Time, and Death

Pen and brown ink, gray wash, over red chalk. 10 3/4 × 7 3/8 inches (27.3 × 19.5 cm.). Lined.
Inscribed in pen and brown ink at lower right, Sch. Ricci.

The old French inscription on the mount, Entre le Temps et la Mort, l'Homme invoque l'Espérance, gives
a satisfactory explanation of the subject. The composition is not related to any surviving picture and may indeed be a study for a book illustration. The red chalk that appears under Ricci’s elegant, meandering pen line gives an extraordinarily coloristic sparkle to this drawing, as does the subtle contrast between the brown pen lines and the transparent gray wash.

Provenance: R. Willett; William Esdaile (R. Willett’s coll. WE P 86 No. 164 inscribed on verso of mount, also Lugt 2617 on recto of mount); purchased by the Metropolitan Museum in Paris, 1967.

The Metropolitan Museum of Art Rogers Fund, 67.65

8 The Education of the Virgin

Pen and brown ink, over black chalk. 9 3/8 x 6 1/4 inches (23.3 x 15.9 cm.). Lined. Inscribed in pen and brown ink on verso, disegno distinto / Proviene dalla Raccolta di disegni della Galleria Corniani d’Algarotti in Venezia.

A spirited example of Sebastiano’s penmanship at its most abbreviated, where the artist’s pen is working at top speed. The charming composition does not occur in a known picture by Ricci, but the subject was used in 1732 by Giambattista Tiepolo for his altarpiece in the Chiesa della Fava, Venice, further evidence of the preponderant influence of Sebastiano on Giambattista.


The Metropolitan Museum of Art Purchase, The Florence and Carl Selden Foundation, Inc. Gift, 67.15

Paolo Pagani
Castello Valsolda, near Lugano 1661–Milan 1716

9 Antiochus and Stratonice

Pen and black ink, gray wash, over black chalk. 10 7/8 x 21 1/2 inches (27.6 x 54.6 cm.). Several spots. Inscriptions in pen and black ink in the artist’s hand identifying the principal figures and furniture: Consultanti / di medici sopra / il male di Antioco; medico / intelligente; Antioco; Seleuco; la bella Stratonice; Letto d’oro nel qual / giace Antioco; sedia di Stratonice; long inscription in the artist’s hand summarizing the story of Antiochus and Stratonice at lower margin, beginning, Seleuco Rè in Syria che eede la moglie sua ad Antioco suo figliolo di essa inalterabilmente inamorato . . . , and signed, Paulo Pagani Servo Hu. 160.

This impressive design for a complete composition, no doubt intended for a ceiling decoration, is an
important, hitherto unpublished document giving us further knowledge of the style of Paolo Pagani, an unjustly neglected artist of great significance in the formation of the rococo style. Pagani, Lombard by birth, was active in Venice, and his trips to Austria and Moravia, where he worked extensively, explain much that was to come in central European decoration. Until recently our notions of Pagani’s style as a draughtsman have been somewhat unclear, though Hermann Voss (Belvedere, VIII, 1929) and Otto Kurz (Dibutade, II, 1955) published drawings that have served as useful points of reference. The Poitiers sketch published by Kurz is drawn on a letter signed by Pagani, which enables us to identify as autograph the inscriptions on the present drawing. Drawings by Pagani have been found masquerading under a variety of names. For example, a fine sheet in the British Museum (1946-7-13-585) representing the Temptation of St. Anthony, drawn with the same swelling, rounded pen line and as intensely coloristic as the present drawing, was for many years attributed to the late sixteenth-century Florentine, Passignano.

Pagani has gone to considerable pains to give an accurate representation of this historic scene with a full, rather operatic cast of characters on stage. At the center lies the lovesick Antiochus, his anguished father, Seleucus, at his side. Antiochus’s beautiful stepmother is seated at the right; at left of center il medico intelligente prescribes the remedy: Antiochus’s marriage to his stepmother.

Robert and Bertina Suida Manning

Paolo de Matteis
Cilento 1662–Naples 1728

10 Galatea Triumphant

Brush and brown wash, over black chalk. 10 1/2 × 7 3/8 inches (26.7 × 19.8 cm.).

Inscribed in pen and brown ink at lower left, P. Matteis; unidentified paraph in pen and brown ink at lower right.

Verso: Black chalk study of the same figure.

A felicitous sample of Paolo de Matteis’s draughtsmanship, strongly influenced by the example of Luca Giordano. This Galatea may well be a preparatory study for the Triumph of Galatea in the Brera, Milan (no. 610), where the sea nymph is seated in essentially the same position.

The unidentified paragraph at the lower right corner of the sheet also occurs on a drawing in the Metropolitan Museum attributed to Mattia Preti, but which bears Mattei’s name and initials and may be an exercise by him in the style of Preti (repr. Drawings from New York Collections, II, The Seventeenth Century in Italy, New York, 1967, no. 104).


The Metropolitan Museum of Art
Rogers Fund, 68.172.1

Giuseppe Maria Crespi
Bologna 1665–Bologna 1747

11 Marcol fa Persuades Cacaseno to Mount a Horse

Red chalk. 7 1/4 × 5 3/4 inches (20 × 14.6 cm.).

A study in reverse for one of Crespi’s twenty etchings (in this case, Bartsch, XIX, p. 409, no. 39) illustrating the old and rather complicated Bolognese burlesque histories of Bertoldo, Bertoldino, and Cacaseno. In this scene Marcolfa tries to persuade the recalcitrant gamin Cacaseno to mount a horse by telling him that the animal is showing its teeth as a sign of good will. The rather dry draughtsmanship is to be explained by Crespi’s surprising fidelity to a long-established Bolognese academic tradition of figure drawing, for as a painter, on the contrary, his handling is very loose and intensely pictorial. Two further red chalk studies for this series of illustrations are in the Hamburg Kunsthalle (52449 and 52440, for Bartsch 41 and 35, respectively).


BIBLIOGRAPHY: A. Hyatt Mayor, Metropolitan Museum of Art Bulletin, November 1953, p. 77, repr.; Jacob Bean, Master Drawings, IV, 1966, no. 4, p. 420, pl. 36 (the etching repr. fig. 3).

The Metropolitan Museum of Art
The Elisha Whittelsey Collection, 53.535.25 (Print Department)
Benedetto Luti
Florence 1666–Rome 1724

12 Pius V and the Ambassador of the King of Poland
Black, red, and some blue chalk, brown wash, heightened
with white. 15 3/8 × 21 3/4 inches (39.1 × 55.2 cm.). Lined.
Inscribed in pen and brown ink on mount, Benedetto Luti.
The Dominican pope, St. Pius V, is here represented
blessing a sample of the soil of Rome, to be taken
as a relic to the king of Poland by his ambassador,
who kneels before the pope. Anthony Clark points
out that this elaborately finished sheet is very proba-
bly the drawn modello for a picture commissioned
in 1712 by the General of the Dominicans as a gift
to Clement XI Albani, on the occasion of the can-
onization of Pius V. The picture, praised by Luti’s
biographer, Lione Pascoli, as “per verità superbissi-
ma” and pronounced a “chef-d’oeuvre” by DÉzal-
dier d’Argenville, hung in the eighteenth century
in the Palazzo Albani alle Quattro Fontane in Rome,
but its present whereabouts is unknown (Vittorio
Moschini, “Benedetto Luti,” L’Arte, XXVI, 1923,
p. 112).
Luti, a conscientious academic artist, has attempted
an historically accurate representation of an event
that took place a century and a half earlier
during the reign of Pius V (1559–1655). The façade
and square of St. Peter’s are represented as they
appeared in the 1560s; Laffreri’s engraving in the Spec-
ulum was very possibly Luti’s guide for this recon-
struction. In the background, at right of upper
center, may be discerned part of the dome of St.
Peter’s, still unfinished at Michelangelo’s death in
1564.

PROVENANCE: Thomas Brand Hollis; Mr. Disney; sale,
London, Christie’s, July 1, 1969, no. 128, repr.; purchased

The Metropolitan Museum of Art
Rogers Fund, 69.169

13 Head of a Bearded Man
Pastel. 12 3/8 × 10 7/8 inches (32.2 × 26.4 cm.). Lined.
Inscribed in pen and brown ink on verso of mount, Roma
1715 | Il Cavalier Benedetto Luti fece +; unidentified
collector’s mark stamped in black on mount.

Benedetto Luti’s Florentine training is evident in
the technique of this drawing. It certainly reflects
his knowledge of the pastel heads of the sixteenth-
century Marchigian Federico Barocci, whose paint-
ings and drawings were so much admired in Flo-
rence through the seventeenth and into the eight-
teenth century. In fact, the largest group of Barocci’s
drawings, many of them in pastel, was and still is
conserved in the Grand Ducal collection at the
Uffizi.

Luti utilized this medium on a number of occa-
sions: the Louvre possesses a pastel self-portrait,
drawn for the diletante romano Nicola Pio, and there
are two pastel heads of girls at Holkham Hall, one
of which is inscribed in the same hand that wrote
the annotations on the verso of the present draw-
ning’s mount.

Professor and Mrs. Julius Held

Alessandro Magnasco
Genoa about 1667–Genoa 1749

14 The Peep Show
Brush and brown watercolor, occasionally touched with
white, over black chalk, on light brown paper. 9 3/8 × 13 1/4
inches (24.6 × 33.7 cm.).
Verso: Slight figure sketch in black chalk.

Magnasco devoted a number of paintings to the
representation of the itinerant peep show and its
audience of children, cripples, and dogs, sometimes
composing in horizontal format, sometimes verti-
cally. The painting nearest to the Morgan drawing
is one that, in 1949, was in the collection of Dr.
Miro Martini at Cremona.

Magnasco’s paintings and drawings, neglected
for more than a century and a half, returned to
some prominence only in the 1920s and 1930s, so at
the beginning of the century it was possible for this
drawing—then in the well-known Beurdeley col-
collection—to be attributed to Fragonard, a tribute to
Magnasco’s swift and telling handling of the brush.

PROVENANCE: Alfred Beurdeley (Lugt 421); purchased
by the Morgan Library in Amsterdam, 1961.

BIBLIOGRAPHY: Morgan Library, Twelfth Fellows Report,
15 Seated Monk in a Landscape

Brush and gray-brown wash, heightened with white, on light brown paper. 10¾×8¾ inches (25.9×21 cm.). Lined.

Inscribed in brush and gray-brown wash at lower margin, B. Augustinus novelli; in pen and brown ink, B. Augustinus novellus Panormitanus; in black chalk on verso, Pietro Novelli.

The old inscriptions on this fine sheet lead to confusion in the attribution, and the drawing is said to have passed through the London sales rooms as the work of the Sicilian artist Pietro Novelli. In fact, as Mr. Scholz has pointed out, the inscriptions identify the subject, the Augustinian hermit, the Blessed Agostino Novelli meditating over a book in a landscape. This is a characteristic example of Magnasco’s draughtsmanship, revealing his partiality for the point of the brush in place of the pen.


Juan Scholz

16 Reclining Man in Meditation Visited by an Angel

Brush and brown wash, heightened with white, on light brown paper. 10 5/8×8 1/4 inches (26.2×22.2 cm.).

Inscribed in pen and brown ink at lower left, Magnascoino.

Magnasco produced a great many such figure studies, executed with point of brush on rough beige paper. Very few of them can be connected with specific pictures, and they seem to have been done as graphic exercises on given themes. The monks

and hermits that people Magnasco’s paintings are also a constant subject of his drawings. In New York there are other drawings of this sort in the collections of Mrs. Richard Krautheimer and Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Thaw.

PROVENANCE: Johann Amann, Zurich; J. Hansegger, New York; purchased by the Metropolitan Museum in New York, 1933.


The Metropolitan Museum of Art Rogers Fund, 53.169

Donato Creti

Cremona 1671–Bologna 1749

17 Holy Family with St. John

Pen and brown ink. 12 3/8×9 7/8 inches (30.6×23 cm.). Lined.

As far as could be ascertained, this typical example of Creti’s graceful mature manner as a draughtsman is not related to any specific painting. It may be compared in style with a drawing like the Holy Family with St. Catherine and Angels at Christ Church, Oxford (Burlington Magazine, CXI, 1969, p. 376, fig. 59).

It was Dr. Hans Tietze who, in 1946, first properly assigned the drawing to Creti. Fairfax Murray had earlier attributed it to Guido Reni, on whose style and that of Simone Cantarini, Creti ultimately depends.

PROVENANCE: Nathaniel Hone (Lugt 2793); Charles Fairfax Murray; purchased by J. Pierpont Morgan in London, 1910.


The Pierpont Morgan Library No. I, 98
18 Satyr

Black chalk. 97/8 × 87/8 inches (25.1 × 20.6 cm.). Inscription at upper margin of verso visible on recto.

Inscribed in pen and brown ink on verso, Di Donato Creti detto Ragazzino Originale Bologna / No. 73; in pen and brown ink on verso of mount, Cvr. Donato Creti, Cremonese, detto Ragazzino ... No / 365.

The satyr may well be Pan as he seizes the Arcadian nymph Syrinx, who is transformed into a clump of reeds. The drawing, which cannot be related to a surviving picture, is a particularly free example of Creti's chalk draughtsmanship, which, like his pen work, owes so much to Guido Reni.

PROVENANCE: Edward Goddard, London; Dr. Max A. Goldstein, St. Louis.


Janos Scholz

20 The Famous Castrato Il Farinelli

Pen and brown ink, over traces of black chalk. 12 × 8 3/4 inches (30.5 × 21.1 cm.). Stains at margins. Lined.

Inscribed in pen and brown ink in the artist's hand at lower left, Farinello Napolitano | famoso cantore di Soprano che | cantò nel Teatro d'Aliberti nell' Anno 1724. | fatto da me Carlo | Ghezzi Il 2 Marzo 1724; numbered in pen and blue ink at upper right corner of mount, 39; inscriptions in two different hands on verso giving biographical information about Farinelli.

The inscription in Ghezzi's own hand identifies the model and the occasion: we see Carlo Broschi (1705-1782), called Farinelli, the most celebrated castrato of all time, in female costume, singing at the Teatro Aliberti in Rome on March 2, 1724.

PROVENANCE: Edward Goddard, London; Dr. Max A. Goldstein, St. Louis.


Janos Scholz

Aureliano Milani

Bologna 1675–Bologna 1749

21 Christ Healing a Possessed Man

Pen and brown ink, brown wash, heightened with white, over traces of black chalk, on light brown paper. 11 3/4 × 13 3/4 inches (29.8 × 34.9 cm.). Two small tears at left. Lined.

Inscribed in pen and brown ink at lower left, [A]ureliano Milani; numbered in red chalk at lower right, 101.
This may well be a preparatory study for a picture mentioned by the eighteenth-century art historian Luigi Crespi in his list of works painted by Aureliano Milani before his departure for Rome in 1719: "per un altro signore, un Redentore, che libera l'indemoniato" (Vite de' pittori bolognesi non descritte nella Felsina Pittrice, Rome, 1769, pp. 147–148). The scene represents Jesus healing Legion, who was possessed with many devils (Luke 8: 27–33); in the background can be seen the herd of swine, possessed in its turn by the devils expelled from Legion, racing towards death by drowning in the lake. A local note is struck by the tabernacle-topped tomb at left, typically Bolognese in style and suggestive of that of Egidio Foscherari outside S. Domenico in Bologna. Luigi Crespi rightly praises Milani’s competence as a draughtsman; here he shows himself a typical Bolognese, faithful to the example of Ludovico Carracci.


The Metropolitan Museum of Art Rogers Fund, 61.130.18

22 Hilly Landscape with Three Figures

Red chalk. 11 1/4 x 17 inches (28.6 x 43.2 cm.). Crease at upper right corner; several small spots of wash; inscription on verso visible at lower margin.

Inscribed in pen and brown ink at lower left, Aurelio Milani; in pen and brown ink on verso, Di Aurelio Milani Bolognese ca. 1606; in pen and brown ink on old mount, Di Aurelio Milani Bolognese Pittore in Roma.

Drawing from nature or improvising on the landscape around Bologna had been a pastime of Bolognese artists from Annibale Carracci onwards. Milani remained true to the local tradition and has here recorded, in an elegant, stylized line, a view of Appenine foothills near his native town. A similar chalk landscape drawing by Milani is in the British Museum (F.f.3.205; Gernsheim photograph 05038).

PROVENANCE: Dr. J. R. Wells; Mrs. F. A. Wells; purchased by the Metropolitan Museum in London, 1969.

The Metropolitan Museum of Art Rogers Fund, 69.293

Giovanni Antonio Pellegrini

Venice 1675–Venice 1741

23 Head of Pompey Presented to Caesar

Pen and brown ink, brown wash, over red and black chalk. 11 1/4 x 14 3/4 inches (28.6 x 37.2 cm.). Several stains, repaired tears and holes; spots of white at lower left margin.

Inscribed in pen and brown ink on verso, No. 152 – secondi.

Verso: Study for an elaborate doorway in pen and brown ink, brown wash, over black chalk.

Pellegrini, a peripatetic decorator who worked all across the north of Europe, has a rather mad, loose style as a draughtsman, as we see here in the present example. The distinction between the freest drawings of Diziani (see Nos. 50 and 54) and those of Pellegrini is occasionally hard to make. In this sheet the wildly indicated figures at the left and right of the composition would not be confused with Diziani’s, but the figure bearing Pompey’s head on a salver at right of center comes surprisingly close to Diziani in the way the bearer’s head is drawn and in the scratchy, continuous hatching that suggests shadow.

PROVENANCE: John S. Newberry, New York.


The Metropolitan Museum of Art Gift of John S. Newberry, 61.210

Sebastiano Galeotti

Florence 1676–Vico, near Mondovi 1746

24 Bacchus with Ceres and a Marine Deity

Pen and black ink, gray wash, on brownish paper. 9 1/2 x 15 1/2 inches (24.1 x 39.4 cm.). Several repaired tears at margins; spots Lined.

No doubt a study for one of the many frescoed decorations executed by Galeotti, an itinerant artist of Florentine training, in palaces across northern Italy. The brittle elegance of Galeotti’s draughtsmanship reveals the preponderant influence of the
Venetian Sebastiano Ricci, who had executed important frescoes in the Palazzo Marucelli and the Palazzo Pitti in Florence in 1766.

Other characteristic drawings by Galeotti are in the collection of Robert and Bertina Suida Manning in New York.


BIBLIOGRAPHY: Jacob Bean, review of catalogue of Italian drawings, National Gallery of Scotland, Edinburgh, Master Drawings, VII, 1969, no. 1, p. 36, pl. 34. The Metropolitan Museum of Art Rogers Fund, 65.207.1

26 Travelers in an Italian Landscape

Brush and brown watercolor, white tempera, on cream paper tinted brown. 153/8 x 21 inches (39 x 53.3 cm.). Watermark: indistinguishable, in a circle.

Executed purely with the brush and most likely made as an independent piece of decoration, this drawing reveals the facility Ricci owed, in part, to his experience as a scene painter.


Marco Ricci

Belluno 1676-Venice 1729

25 Brigands Attacking Two Travelers

Pen and brown ink, brown wash, over slight traces of black chalk. 14 1/4 x 21 3/4 inches (37.2 x 53.8 cm.). Small tears and creases at right and left margins.

Inscribed in black chalk on verso of mount, Ricci, Marco Venedig Belluno.

Marco Ricci was heir to and a rejuvenator of a tradition of Venetian landscape draughtsmanship that goes back to the example of the Campagnolas, and ultimately, of course, to Giorgione and Titian. The romantically twisted trees seen here are very much part of this heritage. The action represented, brigands attacking two travelers, is close in spirit to the seventeenth-century Neapolitan, Salvator Rosa, whose picturesque, anecdotal landscapes were so much in fashion during the eighteenth century all over Italy.

PROVENANCE: Mestral de St. Saphorin, Switzerland.

BIBLIOGRAPHY: Janos Scholz, “Visiting Venetian Drawings at the National Gallery,” The Art Quarterly, XXVII, 1964, p. 192, fig. 11.


Janos Scholz

27 Shepherds with their Flock and Cattle at a Stream

Pen and brown ink, brown wash, over black chalk. 14 1/2 x 20 7/8 inches (37 x 53 cm.). Lined.

Inscribed on mount in pencil at lower right, 7 Day Lot 43; inscribed on verso of mount in pen and brown ink, 36, in pencil, very fine and perfect M / D Ph / Marco Ricci / True W.

As the unknown collector wrote on the back of the mount, this sunlit pastoral scene is indeed a “very fine” example of Ricci’s mature pen-and-wash style. The word “true” is as a rule associated with the collector Arthur Pond (Lugt 2038), who employed it to indicate the hallmark of his approval, though usually in conjunction with his signature. If the drawing did come from Pond, the words “7 Day Lot 43” on the front of the mount would not be amiss, as his sale in 1759 lasted eight days.


The Pierpont Morgan Library No. I, 77
28 Pastoral Landscape
Gouache on kidskin. \(11\frac{1}{8} \times 17\frac{3}{4}\) inches (28.3 \times 43.8 cm.).

This and Nos. 29, 30, and 31 are characteristic examples of one of Marco Ricci's specialties, imaginary and highly picturesque landscapes executed in bright, opaque gouache on kidskin, a technique that Marco may indeed have invented. The non-porous, slightly granular surface of the kidskin serves as ideal support for Marco's thick applications of gouache in a lively gamut of colors. The subjects of these drawings, really small paintings intended to be framed and hung as such, are extremely varied, ranging from pastoral landscapes that have the air of being observed from nature, like the present example, through picturesque scenes with monkish figures inspired by Salvator Rosa (see No. 29), to architectural capricci in landscape settings, where classical buildings are grouped with imaginative caprice (see Nos. 30 and 31). Such capriccio had a marked influence on Canaletto and Francesco Guardi. A further fine architectural capriccio by Marco in gouache on kidskin is in the Metropolitan Museum.


The Metropolitan Museum of Art Rogers Fund, 67.87

29 Monks in a Landscape
Gouache on kidskin. \(11\frac{3}{4} \times 17\frac{1}{4}\) inches (29.5 \times 43.5 cm.), sight. Some flaking; stain at upper right margin.

See No. 28.


Harry G. Sperling

30 Figures in Roman Ruins
Gouache on kidskin. \(17\frac{7}{8} \times 17\frac{7}{8}\) inches (30.2 \times 44.1 cm.), sight. Some losses.

See No. 28.

31 Figures under Ruined Arches
Gouache on kidskin. \(17\frac{5}{8} \times 17\frac{3}{4}\) inches (30.3 \times 44.5 cm.), sight. Slight losses.

See No. 28.


James Parker

32 Roman Capriccio
Gouache. \(14\frac{3}{8} \times 24\) inches (37.2 \times 61 cm.).

Unlike many other tempera drawings by Ricci, this capriccio is executed on paper rather than on vellum or kidskin (see Nos. 28–31). It is, however, very probably a work of the same years in the late 1720s.


The Pierpont Morgan Library
Gift of the Fellows, 1961.29

Anton Maria Zanetti the Elder
Venice 1680–Venice 1767

Anton Maria Zanetti the Younger
Venice 1706–Venice 1778

33 Album of Drawings: Delle antiche statue greche e romane
Preparatory drawings (102) by the two Zanettis for their book Delle antiche statue greche e romane, che nell'antisala
The statue of Diana, or Artemis, represented in the drawing to which the second volume is opened, is described by Bruna Forlati Tamaro as a good Roman copy of an Ionian Greek original of about 500 B.C. (repr. Il Museo Archeologico del Palazzo Reale di Venezia [Itinerari dei musei e monumenti d'Italia, no. 88], Rome, 1953, pp. 9, 46). The statue is now armless, and the head shown in the drawing has been replaced by a plaster reproduction from another more complete copy of the figure found in the ruins of Pompeii. The sculpture was part of the bequest of Cardinal Domenico Grimani in 1586.

The engraving after the drawing was executed by Giuseppe Patrini. Like all the engraved plates, it bears the inscription Ant. M. q. Sir. e Ant. M. d'Aless. cuini Zanetti disegnarono, but it is not possible to distinguish their hands among the drawings. The more competent draughtsmanship as exemplified in the exhibited drawing is perhaps that of the elder Zanetti rather than of the younger, who was more active as an historian than as a practicing artist.

PROVENANCE: John Quantock (bookplate); purchased by the Morgan Library in New York, 1959.


The Pierpont Morgan Library
Gift of the Fellows, 1959:3:2–104

Sebastiano Conca
Gaeta 1680–Naples 1764

34 St. Elizabeth of Portugal Kneeling before the Crucified Christ

Brush and gray wash, heightened with white, over black chalk, on beige paper; squared for transfer in black chalk. 15 3/8 × 7 3/8 inches (39.6 × 20 cm.).

Walter Vitzthum points out that this scene represents St. Elizabeth, dowager queen of Portugal, kneeling in a Franciscan habit before a representation of the crucified Christ. She is identified by her regal attributes, a crown and scepter, seen in the foreground. After she became a widow in 1325, St.
Elizabeth retired to a house at Coimbra near a Poor Clares convent that she had founded.

The two sources of Conca’s style as painter and draughtsman are apparent here—Neapolitan emotionalism is tempered by Roman classicism. Conca, though a pupil of Solimena, was strongly influenced by Marattesque classical measure during his stay in Rome.

PROVENANCE: Chevalier de Damery (Lugt 2862); Juan Jorge Peolo (Lugt 2020); Feral (Ferrall?) sale (according to inscription on verso).


Cooper-Hewitt Museum, Smithsonian Institution
Gift of the Misses Eleanor and Sarah Hewitt, 1931-64-272

Lorenzo de’ Ferrari
Genoa 1680—Genoa 1749

35 The Triumph of Justice

Brush and brown ink, over black chalk. 9 1/2 × 7 3/4 inches (24.1 × 20.2 cm.). Lined.

Inscribed in pen and brown ink at lower margin, abe Lorenzo Deferari.

The old inscription correctly identifies the drawing as a characteristic example of the graphic production of Lorenzo de’ Ferrari, strongly influenced by the work of his more dynamic father, Gregorio, on the one hand, and by the rather rounded, ornamental style of Domenico Piola on the other. According to Ezia Gavazza, the drawing is a preparatory study for a frescoed medallion on the ceiling of a room in the Palazzo Grimaldi, Piazza S. Luca, Genoa, described by the old guides as representing Justice Distributing Prizes to the Arts. In the drawing, however, Justice raises her attribute, a pair of scales, in her left hand and is about to be crowned by a putto who flies above.


BIBLIOGRAPHY: Ezia Gavazza, Lorenzo de’ Ferrari, Milan, 1965, pp. 94–95, pl. 47.

The Metropolitan Museum of Art
Rogers Fund, 64.49.1

36 Hercules Triumphant

Pen and brown ink, brown wash, over black chalk. 19 3/4 × 14 1/2 inches (49.4 × 36.2 cm.). Horizontal crease at center; repaired loss at left margin.

Inscribed in pen and brown ink below pedestal on which Hercules stands, Lorenzo Deferari; in pen and brown ink on verso, Z; in black chalk on verso, Sol. 10.

Lorenzo de’ Ferrari was a skilled practitioner in the very Genoese art of fresco decoration, and shared the propensity for ornamental and allegorical scenes seen in very steep perspective in settings of feigned architecture. Here Hercules is seen in dizzy perspective, standing with club and oak branch in hand, his feet resting on the skull of the Erymanthian boar, the victim of his fourth labor. Above, a flying female and a putto are about to crown him, while Fame, on a winged horse, sounds two long trumpets. A further study for a Triumph of Hercules scene di sotto in su is in the Pinacoteca di Brera (Inv. 568). There the feigned ceiling opening is a quatrefoil rather than a circle.

PROVENANCE: Wilhelm E. Suida.

Robert and Bertina Suida Manning

Giovanni Battista Piazzetta
Venice 1682—Venice 1754

37 Study of an Executioner

Charcoal, heightened with white, on faded blue paper. 15 7/8 × 10 3/8 inches (40.3 × 26.4 cm.). Several spots, stains, and creases. Partially lined.

Inscribed in black chalk at lower left margin, Sebastian Piombo; at lower left corner, Piombo; in pen and brown ink at lower right, Giamb . . . a Piazzetta Venice?

The inscription of the artist’s name at the lower right corner in the calligraphy of the “Reliable Venetian Hand” more or less certifies this drawing of an executioner displaying the head of his victim as an authentic study by Piazzetta. The drawing ap-
pears to be early, and substantiating the ascription of the unknown eighteenth-century collector is the fact that the handling of the charcoal and the white chalk highlighting convincingly adumbrates Piazzetta’s vigorous later style. The type of the fur-hatted executioner with his great sword and bared right arm, who appears to be a study from the model, may be compared to the swordsmen in the paintings of the Beheading of St. John the Baptist, S. Antonio, Padua, and the Beheading of St. Paul in a Venetian private collection (Pallucchini, Piazzetta, pls. 102–103).

PROVENANCE: “Reliable Venetian Hand” (Lugt S. 3005c–d); purchased by the Metropolitan Museum in New York, 1961.

BIBLIOGRAPHY: Pignatti, Disegni veneziani, no. 47, repr.

EXHIBITIONS: Venice, Disegni di una collezione veneziana del Settecento, 1966, no. 75, repr.

The Metropolitan Museum of Art Rogers Fund, 61.204

38 Young Man Embracing a Girl

Black and white chalk, on blue paper faded to gray. 15 9/16 x 12 3/4 inches (39.5 x 31.6 cm.). Vertical strip added at right edge of sheet, drawing continued, this section somewhat rubbed; vertical crease near right margin; creases at left margin. Watermark: letters H P or H R.

The most familiar of Piazzetta’s drawings are his large, poetically delineated heads, made as independent works of art and constituting a kind of Venetian “Iconography.” Much sought after in his own time and ever since, they sometimes exist in more than one authentic version or variant as well as in contemporary copies, so that the problem of attribution is a delicate one.

The carefully modeled Baer drawing is a singularly beautiful example, notable in the preservation of the most evanescent of its white highlights. As is true of an unfortunate number of Piazzetta drawings, the once blue paper has been transformed by time to a brownish gray. This sheet enjoys the distinction of being one of the series of Piazzetta’s drawings engraved by Giovanni Cattini and published under the title Icones ad vivum expressae in 1754, the year of the artist’s death. There is an old copy of the drawing in the Minneapolis Institute of Arts (Inv. 65.62).

PROVENANCE: H. A. Vivian Smith.


Dr. George M. Baer

39 Head of a Levantine

Black and white chalk, on blue paper faded to brown. 15 x 11 1/2 inches (38.1 x 29.2 cm.), sight. Vertical strip attached to sheet at left margin, drawing continued in the artist’s hand; several holes and spots.

This solidly rendered masculine head strikes a strong note among the softer types of the pretty youths and girls that Piazzetta more customarily depicted in drawings made for eighteenth-century collectors like Anton Maria Zanetti the Elder, Francesco Gabburri, Pierre-Jean Mariette, and Count Tessin. Such a Middle Eastern model would not have been too hard to find among the cosmopolitan residents of a maritime city. There is another study of the same man in the Accademia, Venice, and the subject appears in reverse in a mezzotint by Johann Lorenz Haid.

As this sheet and No. 40 demonstrate, it was not unusual for Piazzetta to use a paper that had been pieced at one side or the other.

PROVENANCE: Valmarana; Corsini; Giovanni Timai, Venice.


János Scholz

40 Young People Feeding a Dog

Black and white chalk, on blue paper faded to gray. 15 9/16 x 20 1/4 inches (38.4 x 51.1 cm.), sight. Vertical crease at center; foxing throughout sheet; repaired tears at all margins; various repaired losses throughout sheet.

The pair of drawings in the Baker collection are among the largest and most elaborate of their kind. There are two others of more or less comparable
scale and impressiveness in the Royal Collection at Windsor Castle (Anthony Blunt and Edward Croft-Murray, Venetian Drawings of the XVII and XVIII Centuries . . . of Windsor Castle, London, 1957, nos. 32 and 33 [the latter repr. as pl. 17]) and a third in the Cleveland Museum (Benesch, Venetian Drawings, pl. 11). It has been suggested that together they may have been intended to constitute a series of the Five Senses. The present drawing would, of course, represent Taste and the following one, Touch.

PROVENANCE: Giuseppe Cellini, Rome.

BIBLIOGRAPHY: Vitrich, Baker Collection, no. 56, repr.


Walter C. Baker

41 Young Girl Selling a Fowl

Black and white chalk, on blue paper faded to gray. 15 1/4 x 20 1/6 inches (38.4 x 51.1 cm.), sight. Vertical crease at center; foxing and small abrasions throughout sheet; repaired tear at left margin; repaired losses at upper left and right corners; stain at lower right corner.

See No. 40.

PROVENANCE: Giuseppe Cellini, Rome.

BIBLIOGRAPHY: Vitrich, Baker Collection, no. 57.

Walter C. Baker

42 Young Woman Holding a Pear

Black chalk, heightened with white, on faded blue paper. 16 1/4 x 13 1/2 inches (42.6 x 34.2 cm.). foxed.

Inscribed on verso at lower right in black lead, 10; below, 45.

As was suggested by the late Dr. Otto Benesch, this drawing and two others in the Morgan Library, one of which is exhibited as No. 43, could conceivably have been designed as part of a series of the Five Senses. If so, the pear held by the young woman would mark this sheet as the Sense of Taste; the jingle ring would identify No. 43 as the Sense of Hearing; and the gesture of the woman in the third Morgan sheet (repr., Fairfax Murray, IV, 91) might be regarded as consistent with a representation of the Sense of Touch, although her glance heavenward and the difference in feminine type may suggest another meaning. In the Gallerie dell’Accademia, Venice, there is a drawing of a young woman holding a rose, which could be interpreted as the Sense of Smell in such a sequence of the Senses (Rodolfo Pallucchini, Piazzetta, 1956, pl. 156).

All three Morgan sheets display the same kind of white lead chalk, and, contrary to Benesch’s statement, there is no evidence of reworking, although there have been some surface losses. When examined under ultraviolet light, the white chalk areas fluoresce consistently. It is possible that the heavy, “loaded” effects in some areas were produced by the draughtsman’s moistening of the chalk before he used it.


The Pierpont Morgan Library
No. IV, 89

43 Young Woman Holding a Jingle Ring

Black chalk, heightened with white, on faded blue paper. 16 1/4 x 13 1/2 inches (42.9 x 34.3 cm.). foxed.

Inscribed on verso at lower left in graphite, 43.

See No. 42


BIBLIOGRAPHY: Fairfax Murray, IV, 90.


The Pierpont Morgan Library
No. IV, 90
44 Minerva’s Homage to Venice

Red chalk, over graphite. 15½ × 10½ inches (39.3 × 27.7 cm.). Lined.

Preparatory drawing for the frontispiece of Delle antiche statue greche e romane, che nell’antiqua della Libreria di San Marco, e in altri luoghi pubblici di Venezia si trovano, Venice, I, 1740, by Anton Maria Zanetti the Elder and Anton Maria Zanetti the Younger (see No. 33).

Anton Maria Zanetti had long been familiar with Piazzetta’s work when he and his younger cousin of the same name commissioned the artist to design the frontispiece of their large two-volume Delle antiche statue greche e romane... Venice, 1740–1743. As early as the summer of 1726, he had arranged for two drawings of heads by Piazzetta to be sent to his fellow collector Gabburri (Giovanni Bottari, Raccolta di lettere sulla pittura scultura ed architettura, II, Rome, 1757, pp. 140–142). Piazzetta’s first book illustration, a design for a frontispiece of Antonio da Venezia’s La Chiesa di Gesù Cristo, had appeared a little earlier in 1724, but his real activity as an illustrator started in the last half of the 1730s with the appearance of the first volumes of a ten-volume edition of Bossuet’s Oeuvres (1736–1757), published by Giovanni Battista Albrizzi.

Piazzetta’s drawing for the frontispiece of the first volume of the Zanetti work depicts the ermine-robed personification of Venice, the city’s winged lion at her side, seated on a dais before which Minerva stands pointing to two classical torsos and some coins or medals lying at her feet; another female figure, perhaps History, sits recording the treasures in a large tome. Overhead there hovers a palm-bearing Victory who points below to a corner of the Doge’s Palace and the Libreria, with a glimpse of a ship’s prow and a gondola. The design was engraved in the same direction by Felicita Sartori, the woman painter and engraver who was a pupil of Rosalba Carriera, and between Piazzetta’s drawing and the printed illustration, there were several changes in detail. A bust and a relief were substituted for the two torsos in the foreground of the drawing, and the Ionic capital resting in the right corner of the drawing was eliminated entirely. It is not illogical to assume that the two men behind the figure of Venice represent the two Zanetti—Anton Maria the Elder perhaps to be identified by the medallion he wears on a chain, a reference to his role as a collector of gems and coins, and the younger cousin, the historian, by the book he carries.

Piazzetta’s design may have been the ultimate inspiration of the drawing Venice as Protector of the Sciences and Arts by Pietro Antonio Novelli in the Hermitage (repr. Disegni veneti del Museo di Lenin-grado [exhibition catalogue by Larissa Salmina], Venice, Fondazione Giorgio Cini, 1964, no. 117).


The Pierpont Morgan Library
Gift of the Fellows, 1959.3:1

45 Apollo and the Muses

Black chalk. 17½ × 11½ inches (43.3 × 30.3 cm.). Lined.

This sheet and Nos. 46 and 47 come from a red morocco album of 201 drawings mounted on 94 leaves (20½ × 15½ inches, 52.4 × 38.3 cm.) decorated with borders brushed in red and gold; ornamented title page by another hand, pen and black ink with grey wash, lettered, Raccolta / delle opere / piu segnalate in disegno / a lapis rosso e nero / inventate e delineate dal celebre / Giambatista Piazzetta / Veneto pitore. Shortly after the drawings entered the Library, they were removed from the binding but not from the album leaves on which they are mounted; the binding is preserved separately.

One of the most elaborate sheets of the album presented to the Morgan Library by the Samuel H. Kress Foundation in 1961 is this slightly variant design, in the reverse, of Piazzetta’s frontispiece of Tasso’s La Gerusalemme Liberata. The book was produced in 1745 by the Venetian publisher Giovanni Battista Albrizzi, Piazzetta’s devoted friend whose many commissions for book illustration provided a needed supplement for the artist’s income as a painter. The chief difference between the
46 Surgeon and His Patient, Attended by Her Maid

Red chalk, over black chalk. Design area, 8 3/8 x 6 5/8 inches (22.7 x 16 cm.). Lined.

**Border Design for the Page of a Book**

Black chalk. 16 1/4 x 12 3/8 inches (41.2 x 3.1 cm.). Width at sides, 1 5/8 inches (3.3 cm.); at top and bottom, 1 9/16 inches (4.6 cm.). Watermark: probably a crossbow. Lined.

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47 Male Nude Lying on a Standard

Black chalk. 10 3/4 x 15 1/4 inches (25.9 x 38.5 cm.). Lined.

See No. 45. In 1760, six years after Piazzetta’s death, the Venetian publisher Albrizzi issued the *Studi di pittura*, a drawing book consisting of twenty-four plates of studies of heads and the human body, engraved by Marco Alvise Pitteri with duplicate...
plates in outline by Francesco Bartolozzi, after the designs of Piazzetta. In the preface Albrizzi states that, some years before his death, Piazzetta had been induced to execute these designs for instruction in the fundamentals of figure drawing, whether for professional use or for pleasure. In 1764, Albrizzi also published the plates with a French text, and for some time they continued to be a standard manual for draughtsmen.

The Kress album includes the drawings for the full sequence of plates as well as the frontispiece. The present sheet is one of eight devoted to the male figure, but there are studies as well of the female (a single torso) and infant nude, plus details of eyes and ears, and hands and feet in a variety of attitudes. All are executed in the same direction as the printed plates, which faithfully transcribe them with only an occasional slight deviation. The beautiful copy of the Studi di pittrura, preserved in the Museo Correr (its Copy I), shows the plates in what must be the first state since none of the nudes display the addition of the fig leaves found in the plates of many other copies. Significantly, none of the drawings show the fig leaves.

The nude figure of the sheet exhibited here occurs as the dead Abel in an oil sketch owned by Aldo Ravà and reproduced as plate 60 of his Piazzetta monograph published in 1921. This may well be an instance of the use of the drawing book by a follower. Pallucchini makes no mention of the painting.

**Provenance:** Sir William Eden; Count Alessandro Contini-Bonacossi; Samuel H. Kress; Samuel H. Kress Foundation.


**Exhibitions:** New York, Tiepolo Exhibition, 1938, no. 33, repr.

*The Pierpont Morgan Library*  
*Gift of the Samuel H. Kress Foundation, 1961.12.55*

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Alessio de Marchis  
Naples 1684–Perugia 1752

48 *Landscape with a Bridge and Two Horsemen*

Brush and brown wash, over black and red chalk. 10 3/4 x 14 1/4 inches (26.5 x 35.9 cm.).

Inscribed in pen and brown ink on verso, *Originale di Alessio de Marchis Napolitano*.

Neapolitan by birth and earliest training, De Marchis, who worked in Rome, Umbria, and the Marches, was a specialist in decorative landscape painting. As a draughtsman he has been little known until recently when Marco Chiarini called attention to the charm and relative originality of his landscape drawings (*Master Drawings*, V, 1967, no. 3, pp. 289–291). The present example is typical; the artist’s touch is somewhat hesitant, but the composition is given an atmospheric unity by the way the red and black chalk under the drawing shines through the transparent wash. His example, of course, was the work of the Dutch Italianizing landscape draughtsmen.

Janos Scholz possesses a De Marchis landscape that is similar in style to the present drawing (repr. New York, Scholz Exhibition, 1968, no. 49).

**Exhibitions:** New York, The Two Sicilies, 1970, no. 35, repr.

*Cooper-Hewitt Museum, Smithsonian Institution*  
*Gift of Mrs. Graffon H. Pyne, 1948–118–130*

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Baldassare de Caro  
1686–1752

49 *Design for a Monument*

Pen and black ink, gray wash, over black chalk; squared for transfer in black chalk. 16 3/4 x 10 3/4 inches (41.7 x 27.5 cm.).

Numbered in blue crayon at upper right, 23; in pen and black ink on verso, *Baldassare de Caro*.

Richard Wundt has suggested that this is a design for a painted monument in honor of the Emperor Charles VI. Allegorical female figures of Prudence, Fortitude, Abundance, and Justice stand or recline.
below the emperor, about to be crowned by Fame, while Minerva leads his horse. The old inscription attributing the drawing to De Caro is presumably acceptable, though surprising, for he is largely known as a painter of animal and flower pieces. In any case, the very Solimenesque handling of the chalk and wash fit well with the time and place.

PROVENANCE: Giovanni Piancastelli (no mark, see Lught S. 2078a); Mr. and Mrs. Edward Brandegee (no mark, see Lught S. 1860c).

BIBLIOGRAPHY: Wunder, Extravagant Drawings, no. 16, repr.


Gaspare Diziani
Bologna 1689–Venice 1767

50 Hercules and Omphale
Pen and brown ink, brown wash, over red chalk; squared for transfer in black chalk. 11 3/4 x 7 3/4 inches (29.8 x 19.7 cm.). Large stain of blue watercolor at upper right.

Inscribed in pen and brown ink on verso, Gaspare Diziani V° and a long receipt in Italian.

Gaspare Diziani was a bravura draughtsman whose enormous production owes a great deal to the example of Sebastiano Ricci. Note, for instance, the coloristic effect achieved by the use of a red chalk underdrawing. As a painter Diziani is a rather plodding, provincial figure. A painted version of this subject, composed horizontally rather than vertically, exists in the Musée des Beaux-Arts at Geneva (repr. Arte Veneta, II, 1948, fig. 160).


The Pierpont Morgan Library Gift of the Fellows, 1962.14

51 The Virgin of Sorrows
Pen and brown ink, brown wash, heightened with white tempera, over black chalk. 22 3/4 x 13 3/4 inches (57.7 x 35.4 cm.). Ruled border with arched top in pen and brown ink. Inscribed in pen and brown ink at lower center on verso, S.

In its imposing dimensions and narrow vertical format as well as in the brilliance of its browns and whites, this religious composition of the Venetian painter and theater decorator could be said to anticipate the devotional drawings of Giovanni Domenico Tiepolo. Whether or not the drawing was intended, like the younger Tiepolo’s series, to be an independent work is not known, but the drawing is certainly an example of Diziani’s mature style.

The subject is the widely favored baroque motif of the stricken Virgin seated at the foot of the cross with the body of the dead Christ supported against her knees, her heart pierced with the swords symbolic of her Seven Sorrows, and grieving angels at her side and in the clouds. In her right hand she holds a scapular, symbolic of her dead Son’s cross and yoke, and perhaps associating her with Our Lady of the Carmelite legends of St. Simon Stock.

PROVENANCE: James Jackson Jarves.

BIBLIOGRAPHY: Pignatti, Disegni veneziani, no. 32, repr.

EXHIBITIONS: Minneapolis, University of Minnesota Gallery, “The Eighteenth Century, One Hundred Drawings by One Hundred Artists,” 1961, no. 19, pl. xii.

The Metropolitan Museum of Art Gift of Cornelius Vanderbilt, 80.3.384

52 Apollo and Daphne
Pen and brown ink, watercolor, over traces of black chalk. 10 3/4 x 7 3/4 inches (27.3 x 18.4 cm.). Foxing; small tear at right margin.

This dashing sketch and its companion, No. 53, are unusual, if not unique, in Diziani’s enormous graphic production in being extensively heightened in watercolor.


Janos Scholz
53 Adam and Eve Driven from Paradise
Pen and brown ink, watercolor, over traces of black chalk. 11 × 7 ⅝ inches (27.9 × 18.7 cm.). Foxing.

See No. 52.


Javon Scholz

54 Venice Receiving Homage
Pen and black ink, gray-green wash, over traces of black chalk. 11 ⅞ × 8 ⅞ inches (30.2 × 20.5 cm.). Horizontal creases at center. Watermark: bird.

Inscribed in pen and black ink at lower right, Gasparo Diziani Bellunense.

This is no doubt a project for a ceiling decoration in which the allegorical figure of Venice, identified by a doge’s cap, receives the homage of a kneeling female. The shield held by the seated male figure at upper right is blank, and thus it is impossible to identify the family for which this project was intended. The rapid pen work, the indication of shadow by broad areas of uninterrupted angular hatching, and the abbreviated facial types are all characteristic of Diziani.

There are a good many typical drawings by this productive master in New York collections: the Metropolitan Museum, the Morgan Library, and the collections of Javon Scholz, E. V. Thaw, David Daniels, and of Robert and Bertina Suida Manning.

Provenance: “Reliable Venetian Hand” (Lugt S. 3005c–d); J. MacGowan (Lugt 1496); purchased by the Metropolitan Museum in Paris, 1962.

Exhibitions: Venice, Disegni di una collezione veneziana del Settecento, 1966, no. 91, repr.

The Metropolitan Museum of Art
Rogers Fund, 62.121.2

Giovanni Paolo Pannini
Piacenza 1691/1692–Rome 1765

55 Drawing of the Lottery in Piazza di Montecitorio
Pen and gray ink, watercolor, over black chalk. 13 ⅝ × 21 ⅞ inches (34.1 × 54.3 cm.). Repaired tear at lower right corner.

Inscribed in pen and gray ink at lower right, 1743; in pen and brown ink on eighteenth-century mount, Bozzetto Originale del Cavaliere Paolo Panini del Quadro dell’Estrazione del Lotto di Roma, da esso eseguito per L. Emo Cardinale Domenico Orsini; unidentified collector’s mark on eighteenth-century mount.

An elaborate preparatory modello for one of Pannini’s finest Roman views, a painting dated 1747 in the collection of Lt. Col. Norman Colville, London, representing the drawing of the papal lottery on the balcony of the Palazzo di Montecitorio in the presence of a vast crowd of excited spectators. The Palazzo di Montecitorio, a familiar monument in present-day Rome and now the seat of the Italian Chamber of Deputies, was in Pannini’s time the Curia Innocenziana, the papal court of justice, and from February 1743 its central balcony was the official site of the lottery drawing. The façade of the palace remains just as we see it in Pannini’s drawing, which was no doubt made on the spot. However, the view through to the Column of Marcus Aurelius was blocked in the 1830s by the construction of the Palazzo Wedekind. The base of the Column of Antoninus Pius that we see to the right in Pannini’s drawing was excavated near the Palazzo di Montecitorio in 1703, and in 1705 was set up by Carlo Fontana in the square, where it remained until 1764. It is now in the Cortile della Pigna of the Vatican. The obelisk that we see today in the center of the square was only erected there between 1788 and 1792.

In general composition the drawing corresponds closely to the Colville picture, but in the latter the figures are larger in scale and differently grouped. Edward Croft-Murray identified a number of chalk figure studies for the Colville picture in a Pannini sketchbook at the British Museum (Old Master Drawings, XI, March 1937, pp. 61–65, pls.
57–63), and James Draper has found further figure studies in the West Berlin Print Room, the Witt Collection at the Courtauld Institute, London, and in a private collection in Paris.

The old inscription, affixed to the mount of the drawing, states, very plausibly, that the picture was painted for Domenico Orsini (1719–1789), created cardinal in 1743. The inscription itself, though in an eighteenth-century hand, must postdate both the drawing and the picture, since Pannini is described as Cavaliere; the painter received the title of “Cavaliere dello Sperone d’Oro” in October 1749.


The Metropolitan Museum of Art
Rogers Fund, 68.33

56 Young Gentleman Holding His Hat

Brush and brown wash, over black chalk. 8 1/2 x 4 3/8 inches (21.6 x 10.6 cm.). Foxed. Lined.

This stylish young man must have been studied for a participant in one of Pannini’s vast Roman views, which are often peopled with crowds of elegant or popular spectators. The technique, warm transparent brown wash over slight indications in black chalk, is often used by Pannini, one of the most charming figure draughtsmen of the eighteenth century.

PROVENANCE: Duke of Aosta, Turin.

Harry G. Sperling

Giuseppe Galli Bibiena, attributed to
Parma 1696–Berlin 1756

57 Design for a Stage Set: The Temple of Jupiter

Pen and brown ink, with gray-brown and blue wash. 13 3/4 x 20 inches (35.3 x 50.8 cm.). Vertical crease at center. Watermark: fleur-de-lis (?) in circle.

Numbered on verso in pen and brown ink in an old hand No. 5.

This drawing has traditionally gone under the generic name of the Bibiena family with a more specific, if tentative, ascription to Giuseppe. Recently, however, Dr. Per Bjurström has questioned its inclusion even within the wide circle of the Bibiena family, stating that he has “not found any related works in the authenticated material . . . . The baroque language of the Bibienas has here been mingled with classicizing elements that look unfamiliar even for works of the later representatives of the family.” At this point in our knowledge of theater drawings, however, such a drawing is possibly best still retained under the Bibiena label with which its baroque vocabulary is at least in sympathy.

Hopefully, in time it may be possible to identify the opera that featured a king and his queen appearing with their offerings within the lofty confines of the remarkable temple of Jupiter depicted here. (The design in its general outlines may be interestingly compared with a drawing by Bernardino Galliari [repr. Janos Scholz, Baroque and Romantic Stage Design, New York, 1950, no. 49].) A companion drawing, showing a garden scene, in the Metropolitan Museum also carries an old inscription No. 5 on the verso (repr. Philadelphia exhibition catalogue, no. 26), suggesting that both may be designs for the same production. The Metropolitan drawing has been ascribed to Ferdinando as well as to Giuseppe Bibiena.


The Pierpont Morgan Library
Gift of Walter C. Baker, 1950.2
Francesco de Mura
Naples 1696–Naples 1784

58 Design for the Frame of a Portrait
Pen and black ink, gray wash, over black chalk. 14\(\frac{3}{4}\)\(\times\)11\(\frac{3}{4}\) inches (37.9 x 28 cm.).
Inscribed in pen and black ink on verso, Francesco de Mura.

The traditional attribution of this design for the frame of a portrait, possibly intended as an overdoor, may be accepted. The style of the drawing and the elegance of the decorative motifs reveal the strong influence of Francesco Solimena, De Mura’s master. The chalk portrait sketch of the warrior at center is particularly Solimenesque, and indeed the drawings of master and pupil are often confused.

PROVENANCE: Giovanni Piancastelli (no mark, see Lugt S. 2078a); Mr. and Mrs. Edward Brandegee (no mark, see Lugt S. 1860c).

BIBLIOGRAPHY: Wunder, Extravagant Drawings, no. 68, repr.


Cooper-Hewitt Museum, Smithsonian Institution
1938–88–7068

Giovanni Battista Tiepolo
Venice 1696–Madrid 1770

59 Figures around a Pyramid
Pen and brown ink, brown wash, heightened with white, over black chalk. 16\(\frac{3}{4}\)\(\times\)10\(\frac{3}{4}\) inches (42.1 x 27.5 cm.). Spot of red paint at lower right; slight foxing.

The mood and even the paraphernalia of Giambattista’s later scherzi di fantasia (see No. 96) are already present here: the funerary pyramid, the enigmatic group of brooding figures—two soldiers, a “philosopher,” and a nude youth—as well as the skulls, the mask, the scabbard, and the snake at lower left. Morassi, however, very convincingly suggested in his catalogue of the Wallraf exhibition that the drawing is quite early, datable about 1725. The vigorous, monumental Piazzettesque figures

and the dramatic, mysterious lighting are characteristic of Giambattista’s work at this time.


EXHIBITIONS: Venice, Wallraf Exhibition, 1959, no. 52, repr.

Robert Lehman Collection

60 Group of Fighting Figures
Pen and brown ink, brown wash, over black chalk. 14\(\frac{3}{4}\)\(\times\)20\(\frac{3}{4}\) inches (35.7 x 53 cm.). Spot of red paint at lower right corner; slight foxing. Watermark: trefoil above the letters E S C (see watermark no. 34).
Inscribed in black chalk at lower right, Tiepolo f.

In their vigor and energy these mysterious struggling figures come close to the heroic participants in the series of ten scenes from Roman history, painted, probably, in the mid-1720s for the Ca’ Dolfin in Venice, and now divided between the Metropolitan Museum (Morassi, 1955, fig. 15; 1962, figs. 294, 306), the Hermitage in Leningrad (Morassi, 1962, figs. 293–299), and the Kunsthistorisches Museum in Vienna (Morassi, 1955, fig. 12). In this important early drawing Giambattista’s contour line has an almost brutal incisiveness.

PROVENANCE: Giuseppe Vallardi, Milan (according to Morassi in the Wallraf catalogue); Paul Wallraf, London.

EXHIBITIONS: Venice, Wallraf Exhibition, 1959, no. 53, repr.

Robert Lehman Collection

61 Beheading of St. Nazarius and St. Celsus in Milan
Pen and brown ink, brown wash, heightened with white, over black chalk; traces of red chalk at upper and lower right. 19\(\frac{3}{4}\)\(\times\)14\(\frac{3}{4}\) inches (50 x 36.8 cm.). Lined.
Blind stamp, a moulder’s mark, at lower right corner, F. R. (Lugt 1042).

Nos. 61 and 62, both drawings of exceptional size, elaborate finish, and impressive monumentality, must have been made as ends in themselves, as independent works of art rather than preparatory studies. In any case, they do not relate directly to any of Giambattista’s paintings. Stylistically, however,
they are strikingly similar to the frescoes in the Colleoni Chapel at Bergamo, where Giambattista worked in 1732 and 1733. The vigorous physical types, the steep perspective, and the dramatic Piazzettesque chiaroscuro that characterize the drawings are all apparent in the Bergamo fresco representing the Beheading of St. John the Baptist (Morassi, 1962, fig. 44). Benesch suggested a much earlier date for the drawings, placing them anterior to Tiepolo’s work in Udine in the mid-1720s, but Harry Wehle’s suggestion that they are the work of the Bergamask period, a dating also proposed by Morassi, seems entirely convincing.

The identification of the subjects is modern, not traditional. At the time of their acquisition in 1937 by the Metropolitan Museum they were described in the Biron inventory as the Martyrdom of the Baptist and the Martyrdom of Two Saints, respectively. The present title of No. 61, the Beheading of St. Nazarius and St. Celsus, seems to have been suggested by Wehle; it is a very plausible identification, for these two saints were venerated in Milan, the scene of their martyrdom, and Tiepolo worked in Lombardy in the early 1730s. The Martyrdom of St. Cyprian and Justina at Nicomedias has been proposed as the subject of No. 62, but there does not appear to be any particular iconographical or geographical justification for this identification.

Another scene of martyrdom of similar dimensions and finish, stylistically very close to the two present drawings, is in a private collection in Milan. It figured in the Orloff collection and is reproduced in the sale catalogue thereof (no. 162). An old copy of No. 61 is in the Hermitage in Leningrad (Inv. 20113; repr. Larissa Salmina, Hermitage Bulletin, VIII, 1964, no. 3, p. 246); a copy of No. 62 is in the Musée Départemental des Vosges at Épinal (Cailleux, Tiepolo et Guardi, 1952, pl. 1).

PROVENANCE: Marquis de Biron, Paris and Geneva; purchased by the Metropolitan Museum in Geneva, 1937.


62 Beheading of a Male and a Female Saint
Pen and brown ink, brown wash, heightened with white, over black chalk. 19 3/4 × 14 3/4 inches (49.8 × 36.3 cm.). Lined.
Blind stamp, a mounter’s mark, at lower right corner, F. R. (Lugt 1042).

See No. 61.

PROVENANCE: Marquis de Biron, Paris and Geneva; purchased by the Metropolitan Museum in Geneva, 1937.


EXHIBITIONS: New York, Tiepolo Exhibition, 1938, no. 37, repr.

The Metropolitan Museum of Art
Rogers Fund, 37.165.15

63 Enthroned Madonna Attended by St. Sebastian, St. Francis, and Angels
Pen and brown ink, brown wash, heightened with white, over a little black chalk. 12 3/4 × 9 3/4 inches (30.7 × 24.8 cm.).

A fine, highly finished presentation drawing. Such sheets, unrelated to documented paintings, are extremely difficult to situate chronologically, and a dating in the early 1730s is proposed here with considerable caution. Knox points out that a copy of this drawing, signed by one of Giambattista’s assistants Francesco Lorenzi is in the Martin von Wagner Museum at Würzburg (Fogg, Tiepolo Exhibition, 1970, fig. 4).

PROVENANCE: Marquis de Biron, Paris and Geneva; purchased by the Metropolitan Museum in Geneva, 1937.

BIBLIOGRAPHY: Metropolitan Museum, European Drawings, no. 37, repr.


The Metropolitan Museum of Art
Rogers Fund, 37.165.6
64 **Design for a Ceiling:**

*Truth Appearing before a Group of Elders*

Pen and brown ink, gray-brown wash, over black chalk. 12 3/4 x 12 1/4 inches (31.6 x 31.1 cm.). Watermark: six-pointed star, letters B F (see watermark no. 33).

Comparison with the earlier, sketchier drawing of the same subject at Trieste (Vigni, Disegni del Tiepolo, no. 24) shows that in the present sheet the perspective has been corrected by a careful plotting of the construction lines, the putto with the wreath has been moved from the right to a more central point, the position of the woman’s legs has been reversed, and the whole has been developed with extreme fineness. The cowering figures at the bottom of the steps, scarcely suggested in the Trieste sketch, are possibly identified as personifications of Falsehood and Hypocrisy banished from the presence of the nude figure of Truth who reveals herself to the gathering of dignitaries. No painted ceiling of the composition is known.

The Morgan drawing is regarded by Byam Shaw as an indisputable work by Giovanni Battista in the decade of the 1730s. George Knox, on the other hand, assigns it just as firmly to Giovanni Domenico with the further suggestion that the subject is the Story of Phryne. The drawing is not too far removed in style from the other ceiling design in the exhibition (No. 69), which the late Hylton A. Thomas placed in the 1730s. In its completeness and careful finish, the sheet is somewhat unusual in the context of the other drawings of the Morgan album. Its watermark also appears in the paper of the Metropolitan Museum’s drawing of Time and Truth exhibited as No. 121.

**Provenance:** Count Francesco Algarotti (and thence presumably to his brother and heir, Count Bonomo Algarotti; his daughter Maria Algarotti-Corniani; her son Count Bernardino Corniani); Edward Cheney; Colonel Alfred Capel Cure (Cheney’s brother-in-law); sale, London, Sotheby’s, April 29, 1885, presumably part of lot 1024; Charles Fairfax Murray; purchased by J. Pierpont Morgan in London, 1910.

**Bibliography:** Fairfax Murray, IV, 95.

65 **St. Dominic Borne Upward by Three Angels**

Pen and brown ink, brown wash, over black chalk. 9 3/4 x 8 7/8 inches (24.8 x 22.5 cm.). Upper corners diagonally cropped.

Identified by his long billowing scapular and hooded cloak, the saint in this and the two following drawings is clearly St. Dominic, and it is presumed that the three drawings were made in the course of the artist’s preliminary preparations for the frescoed ceiling in the Jesuit church of S. Maria del Rosario, Venice (1737–1739), apparently Tiepolo’s only executed project involving the representation of this saint. None of the three drawings corresponds with the ceiling although the present drawing offers some analogies to the figure of the saint in the compartment showing his apotheosis (Morassi, 1962, fig. 93): the position of the feet is almost identical, there is the same steep foreshortening of the head so that only the chin and the nose are visible, and the elbow of the supporting angel at the far right projects in similar fashion. In the fresco, the saint appears more nearly frontal with his arms outstretched much as in No. 66.

**Provenance:** See No. 64.

**Bibliography:** Fairfax Murray, IV, 100.

66 **St. Dominic with Arms Outstretched**

Pen and brown ink, brown wash, over black chalk. 8 3/4 x 7 7/8 inches (20.5 x 18.5 cm.). Upper corners diagonally cropped.

This drawing and the preceding sheet appear to be executed on paper that is slightly heavier than that of the following drawing.

**Provenance:** See No. 64.

67 **St. Dominic, His Hands in Prayer, Borne Upward**

Pen and brown ink, brown wash, over black chalk. 13 5/8 x 10 3/8 inches (33.4 x 27.2 cm.). Watermark: letters F C (see watermark no. 28).
The late Dr. Benesch first associated this drawing with the ceiling of the Gesuati but made no mention of the two preceding drawings. George Knox has commented that on a stylistic basis "one would prefer to put the drawing substantially later" than the years 1737–1739. The drawing is singularly successful in its effect of airy upward movement.

PROVENANCE: See No. 64.


The Pierpont Morgan Library
No. IV, 99

68 The Adoration of the Magi

Pen and brown ink, brown wash, over black chalk. 16 7/8 × 11 3/4 inches (41.7 × 29 cm.). Slight foxing.

Numbered in black chalk on verso, N6.

A brilliant, highly pictorial exercise that may date from the late 1730s. The same Magi, similarly costumed but quite differently placed in relation to the seated Virgin and Child, appear in Adorations of the Magi in the West Berlin Print Room (Hadeln, Tiepolo Drawings, II, p. 107) and in the Cleveland Museum of Art (repr. H. S. Francis, Bulletin of the Cleveland Museum of Art, January 1946, p. 1).

PROVENANCE: Marquis de Biron, Paris and Geneva; purchased by the Metropolitan Museum in Geneva, 1937.

The Metropolitan Museum of Art
Rogers Fund, 37.165.16

69 Design for a Ceiling:
The Triumph of Hercules

Pen and brown ink, brown wash, over black chalk; some corrections in brush and white tempera. 18 1/8 × 24 inches (45.8 × 61 cm.). Vertical crease at center. Watermark: circle (see watermark no. 4).

Inscribed on verso in pen and brown ink at upper right, 660–661.

This finished design for a ceiling, complete with the representation of the illusionistic, painted architectural setting, is of the utmost rarity in Tiepolo's œuvre. It was perhaps made as a guide for the specialist in architectural painting, who was to do that part of the ceiling, or it might have been a modello to be submitted to the patron. No such ceiling now survives, if ever it was done. A drawing in the Horne Foundation at Florence (repr. Disegni della Fondazione Horne, Firenze [exhibition catalogue by Licia Ragghianti Collobi], Florence, 1963, no. 105) shows a slightly different version of the central group of Hercules and Fame along with the surrounding figural motifs, which appear to juxtapose themes of Peace and War. The Horne drawing has been associated with the Triumph of Hercules, the ceiling formerly in the Palazzo Canossa at Verona, but the drawing style is certainly at least fifteen or twenty years earlier than the date of the fresco, 1761–1762.


The Pierpont Morgan Library
Gift of the Fellows, 1968.8

70 Virgin and Child Attended by St. Sebastian and Two Monastic Saints

Pen and brown ink, brown wash, over black chalk. 17 7/8 × 11 3/4 inches (45.6 × 30 cm.). Four corners of sheet replaced. Watermark: small trefoil, letters V d (see watermark no. 30).

Agnes Mongan and Paul J. Sachs were first to call attention to the close similarity of subject and composition between this drawing and a fine sheet in the Fogg Museum (repr. Fogg, Tiepolo Exhibition, 1970, no. 13). The Virgin's raised throne in its niche is the same in both drawings, and in both St. Sebastian stands leaning against the base of the throne looking upwards at the Virgin. Knox dates the Fogg drawing about 1735, but it might well be somewhat later and immediately before the drawings associated with the Palazzo Clerici of 1740.

71 Virgin and Child Attended by Three Ecclesiastics

Pen and brown ink, brown wash, over black chalk. 14 × 10 3/4 inches (35.6 × 25.7 cm.). Lined.

Inscribed in black chalk at lower right, Gio Batta Tiepolo Vares[e].

This fine sheet corresponds very closely in style to the previous drawing, No. 70. The similarity of facial notation is striking, especially the abbreviated indication of the eyes. A similar composition is adumbrated in a rapid sketch in the Museo Civico at Trieste (Vigni, Disegni del Tiepolo, fig. 69), where the monk holding the staff appears kneeling at the right.

The inscription, Gio Batta Tiepolo Vares[e], is puzzling, as the Venetian Tiepolo had to our knowledge no family connection with this Lombard town. It may merely suggest that the drawing has some relation with a project intended for Varese.


Janos Scholz

72 Virgin and Child Appearing to a Group of Worshipers

Pen and brown ink, brown wash, over black chalk. 16 3/8 × 11 1/4 inches (41.6 × 28.6 cm.).

Erased and almost illegible number inscribed in black chalk at upper right, 28 [?].

Another fine, large-scale drawing from the Orloff group, presumably done as an end in itself and not directly connectible with a painting. Morassi has suggested a date between 1730 and 1735, but this now seems too early a dating.


EXHIBITIONS: Venice, Wallraf Exhibition, 1959, no. 55, repr.

Robert Lehman Collection

73 Virgin and Child Appearing to Two Monks

Pen and brown ink, brown wash, over black chalk. 16 3/8 × 11 1/4 inches (42.4 × 28.6 cm.). Several spots.

This very luminous drawing from the Orloff collection is closely related stylistically to the previous drawing, No. 72. The Virgin and Child appear as they do there, seated on a cloud and facing to the left. The two standing monks are also present, though the other worshipers and spectators have disappeared.


Private Collection

74 Apollo Supported by a Genius with Butterfly Wings

Pen and brown ink, brown wash, over a little black chalk. 10 3/8 × 8 3/8 inches (26.8 × 21.7 cm.). Numbered in black chalk on verso, 30.

An early Clerici-style drawing. Apollo appears thus, supported by a winged genius, in the center of the oil sketch representing Olympus in the Hausmann collection, Zurich (Morassi, 1962, fig. 319). The oil sketch may well be a preliminary modello for the frescoed ceiling of the Gallery of the Palazzo
Clerici in Milan, painted by Giambattista in 1740. Apollo’s pose as studied in this sheet was utilized for an anonymous flying figure that appears at the south end of the Gallery. A copy of the present drawing is in the National Gallery of Art, Washington, D.C. (821–680), Gift of Howard Sturges.

PROVENANCE: Marquis de Biron, Paris and Geneva; purchased by the Metropolitan Museum in Geneva, 1937.


The Metropolitan Museum of Art Rogers Fund, 37.165.21

75 Apollo, with Lyre and Quiver, His Arm Upraised

Pen and brown ink, brown wash, over black chalk. $8\frac{3}{4} \times 7\frac{1}{2}$ inches (21.8 x 18.4 cm.).

This Clerici study seems to have preceded the above Metropolitan sheet since the god is shown alone, his quiver occupying part of the space that was to be used for the winged genius. The presence of the second figure also necessitated a change in the pose of the legs.

PROVENANCE: See No. 64.

The Pierpont Morgan Library No. IV, 112a

76 Apollo Seated on Clouds, Two Figures at Left

Pen and brown ink, brown wash, over traces of black chalk. $8\frac{3}{4} \times 8\frac{3}{4}$ inches (21.6 x 22.4 cm.). Watermark: small trefoil, letters V d (see watermark no. 30).

Numbered in black chalk on verso, 47.

Another Clerici drawing for Apollo, presumably an intermediary stage between No. 74, where the god is supported by a winged genius, and the Clerici palace ceiling, where the standing Apollo drives his quadriga across the sky.

PROVENANCE: Marquis de Biron, Paris and Geneva; purchased by the Metropolitan Museum in Geneva, 1937.

The Metropolitan Museum of Art Rogers Fund, 37.165.32

77 Apollo Standing in His Chariot

Pen and brown ink, brown wash, over a little black chalk. $9\frac{3}{4} \times 9\frac{3}{4}$ inches (24.1 x 24.3 cm.).

A further Clerici Apollo, closer to the final solution where the Sun God, facing the spectator, races his quadriga across the width of the Gallery of the Palazzo Clerici (P. d’Ancona, Clerici, pl. 12).

PROVENANCE: Marquis de Biron, Paris and Geneva; purchased by the Metropolitan Museum in Geneva, 1937.

EXHIBITIONS: New York, Tiepolo Exhibition, 1938, no. 41, repr.

The Metropolitan Museum of Art Rogers Fund, 37.165.35

78 Reclining River God, Nymph, and Putto

Pen and brown ink, dark brown and lighter brown wash, over black chalk. $9\frac{3}{4} \times 12\frac{3}{4}$ inches (23.5 x 31.3 cm.). Watermark: large trefoil, small letters V d (see watermark no. 32).

Numbered in black chalk on verso, 8.

This group appears in the Hausammann oil sketch that is presumably preparatory for the Palazzo Clerici ceiling (Morassi, 1962, fig. 319). In the ceiling itself the river god and the nymph, without the oar and accompanying putto, reappear seated on the south cornice (P. d’Ancona, Clerici, pl. 35). Giambattista used a very similarly seated river god and nymph a little more than ten years later in the frescoed ceiling of the Kaisersaal of the Würzburg Residenz (Morassi, 1955, pl. 65).

PROVENANCE: Marquis de Biron, Paris and Geneva; purchased by the Metropolitan Museum in Geneva, 1937.

BIBLIOGRAPHY: Metropolitan Museum, European Drawings, no. 41, repr.; Freedmen and Lamb, Würzburger Residenz, pl. 44; Bean, 100 European Drawings, no. 42, repr.; Fogg, Tiepolo Exhibition, 1970, under no. 19.

EXHIBITIONS: Chicago, Tiepolo Exhibition, 1938, no. 70, repr.; New York, Tiepolo Exhibition, 1938, no. 45, repr.

The Metropolitan Museum of Art Rogers Fund, 37.165.32
79 Two Zephyrs with a Horse of Apollo

Pen and brown ink, brown wash, over black chalk. 9\(\frac{3}{8}\) × 13 \(\frac{3}{8}\) inches (24.4 × 38.9 cm.). Upper corners diagonally cropped. Watermark: small trefoil, letters V d (see watermark no. 30).

This spirited group appears in the lower center section of the Hausmann oil sketch below the figure of Apollo. In the oil sketch the horse is given more prominence by elevating the neck to a vertical position and turning the head in stricter profile.

PROVENANCE: See No. 64.


The Pierpont Morgan Library
No. IV, 120

80 Ariadne with a Winged Putto and Two Other Figures

Pen and brown ink, brown wash, over black chalk. 8\(\frac{3}{8}\) × 10\(\frac{3}{8}\) inches (21.2 × 27.6 cm.).

The nude female of this group was used for the figure of Ariadne in the left corner of the Hausmann oil sketch where Bacchus stands on her right, replacing the putto and the seated figure. In the oil sketch her left arm is obscured by the presence of a putto, and the shield at her right becomes a vase; above her in the sky are the two Zephyrs with the horse of Apollo represented in No. 79.

PROVENANCE: See No. 64.


The Pierpont Morgan Library
No. IV, 127

81 Hercules with an Attendant Male and a Female Figure

Pen and brown ink, brown wash, over black chalk. 10\(\frac{3}{8}\) × 13\(\frac{3}{8}\) inches (27 × 34.7 cm.). Watermark: small trefoil, letters V d (see watermark no. 30).

Although clearly drawn in the Clerici manner, Hercules, holding his club over his shoulder and wrapped in his lion skin, a paw dangling below his right foot, makes no appearance in either the Hausmann oil sketch or the Clerici ceiling itself. The aquiline profile lightly sketched at the right of the sheet brings to mind such types in the fresco as the man smoking a pipe in the Allegory of Painting (P. d’Ancona, Clerici, pl. 18). The watermark is one found on a number of drawings of the Clerici group.

PROVENANCE: See No. 64.

The Pierpont Morgan Library
No. IV, 113a

82 Truth with Two River Gods and Putti

Pen and brown ink, brown wash, over black chalk. 10\(\frac{3}{8}\) × 13 \(\frac{3}{8}\) inches (26.5 × 35.5 cm.). Upper corners diagonally cropped. Watermark: small trefoil, letters V d (see watermark no. 30).

This may have been a preliminary idea, admittedly several times removed, for the group of a river god, naiad, and fisher boy at the far end of the south portion of the Clerici ceiling (P. d’Ancona, Clerici, pl. 33). A stage nearer the final solution may, as Knox has suggested, be represented by the Metropolitan Museum’s drawing 37.165.50 (not exhibited). It, like the present sheet, shows a feminine personification of Truth with a river god, although in the ceiling the female figure is without any allegorical significance. In the ceiling and the Metropolitan drawing, the river god faces left rather than right as he does here. Indicative of the permutations of Tiepolo’s ideas is the fact that although the river god in the Metropolitan drawing is positioned as in the ceiling, his attribute is not the urn of the ceiling and the Morgan drawing, but an oar.

PROVENANCE: See No. 64.


The Pierpont Morgan Library
No. IV, 113
83 Apollo Flanked by Two Figures and a Putto Holding a Quiver

Pen and brown ink, brown wash, over black chalk. 10 x 14 inches (25.4 x 35.5 cm.).

A multfigured composition in the Clerici style, like No. 82, this sheet would seem to embody yet another scheme for the Apollo group.

PROVENANCE: See No. 64.

BIBLIOGRAPHY: Fairfax Murray, IV, 110.

The Pierpont Morgan Library
No. IV, 110

84 Standing Figure of Prudence and a Seated River God

Pen and brown ink, brown wash, over black chalk. 12 x 11 1/2 inches (30.4 x 29.6 cm.).

Several measurements written in pencil on verso.

A puzzling drawing in the large Clerici-style group. A very similar figure of Prudence, seen in steep perspective, holding a large mirror and fitted out with her usual attribute, an extra masklike face on the back of her head, appears in one of the lateral canvases in the ceiling of the Scuola dei Carmini in Venice, on which Tiepolo worked intermittently from 1740 to 1744 (Morassi, 1962, fig. 205). In the Carmini canvas, however, Prudence is attended not by a river god but by allegorical female figures said to represent Grace and Innocence. The stance of Prudence in the present drawing, and even her skirt, looped over the thighs and caught by a clip in the form of a mask, reappear in the Hausammann oil sketch (Morassi, 1962, fig. 319) and in the Clerici ceiling itself, where the figure is reversed (P. d'Ancona, Clerici, pl. 22). However, in both these instances Prudence has become Cerere. Mirror and mask have disappeared, and the standing female holds a luxuriant symbolic plant. The drawing seems thus preparatory for neither one nor the other contemporaneous project—the Scuola dei Carmini or the Palazzo Clerici—but for both. This beautiful sheet may serve as an example of the difficulty in securely associating Giambattista's preparatory drawings with his painted work.

PROVENANCE: Marquis de Biron, Paris and Geneva; purchased by the Metropolitan Museum in Geneva, 1937.


The Metropolitan Museum of Art
Rogers Fund, 37.165.44

85 Seated Woman with Mirror and Vase, Putto with Serpent, and a River God

Pen and brown ink, brown wash, over black chalk. 11 3/8 x 10 3/4 inches (28.9 x 25.6 cm.).

A fine drawing in the Clerici style of 1739–1740, but not associated with any group in the Milanese ceiling or the preparatory oil sketch in Zurich. The convex-faced mirror held by the seated female figure and the serpents held by the putto suggest that she may be intended to represent Prudence (see No. 84).

PROVENANCE: Eugène Rodrigues (Lugt and Lugt S. 897); Marquis de Biron, Paris and Geneva; purchased by the Metropolitan Museum in Geneva, 1937.

The Metropolitan Museum of Art
Rogers Fund, 37.165.45

86 Two Seated Women and a Boy

Pen and brown ink, brown wash, over black chalk. 8 1/4 x 9 3/4 inches (21 x 24.2 cm.).

Numbered in black chalk on verso, 28.

A brilliant exercise in the Clerici style. The seated female spectator reappears in a drawing of the same period at Princeton (Italian Drawings in the Art Museum, Princeton University, Princeton, 1966, pl. 78).

PROVENANCE: Marquis de Biron, Paris and Geneva; purchased by the Metropolitan Museum in Geneva, 1937.

The Metropolitan Museum of Art
Rogers Fund, 37.165.36
87 Two Women and a Putto

Pen and brown ink, brown wash, over black chalk. 7 3/4 x 8 7/8 inches (18.9 x 21.9 cm.). Watermark: large trefoil, small letters V d (see watermark no. 32).

Numbered in black chalk on verso, 53.

A drawing in the Palazzo Clerici style that may be connectible with Giambattista’s contemporaneous work in the Scuola dei Carmini in Venice. In one lateral canvas in the Carmini (Morassi, 1962, fig. 204), there is a differently grouped representation of Hope and Charity, the former identified as usual by an anchor, the latter by the presence of a child.

PROVENANCE: Marquis de Biron, Paris and Geneva; purchased by the Metropolitan Museum in Geneva, 1937.

The Metropolitan Museum of Art Rogers Fund, 37.165.34

88 Seated Satyr Holding a Cornucopia

Pen and brown ink, gray-brown wash, over black chalk. 8 1/8 x 9 3/8 inches (20.5 x 23 cm.).

Numbered in black chalk on verso, 52.

This drawing and Nos. 89 and 90 are studies for the satyrs that appear in steep perspective seated on the quadratura cornice of the Gallery of the Palazzo Clerici. Satyrs in Nos. 89 and 90 appear at the north end of the Gallery, their positions somewhat altered; the satyr in No. 89 loses his companions, while No. 90 is transformed into a satyress. No. 88 appears at the south end, holding a garland instead of a cornucopia (Morassi, 1955, pl. 26). The second satyr at the south end is studied in a further drawing in the Metropolitan Museum (37.165.38; repr. Fogg, Tiepolo Exhibition, 1970, no. 20). A sheet with studies of a satyr and satyress, probably also related to the Clerici decoration, is in the Horne Foundation, Florence (Disegni della Fondazione Horne, Firenze [exhibition catalogue by Licia Raggiianti Colloli], Florence, 1963, pl. 88).

PROVENANCE: Marquis de Biron, Paris and Geneva; purchased by the Metropolitan Museum in Geneva, 1937.

The Metropolitan Museum of Art Rogers Fund, 37.165.47

89 Two Seated Satyrs and a Satyr Child

Pen and brown ink, brown wash, over red chalk. 8 1/4 x 9 9/16 inches (21 x 25.2 cm.).

Inscribed in black chalk on verso, Tiepolo 301.

See No. 88.

PROVENANCE: Marquis de Biron, Paris and Geneva; purchased by the Metropolitan Museum in Geneva, 1937.

EXHIBITIONS: Chicago, Tiepolo Exhibition, 1938, no. 67; New York, Tiepolo Exhibition, 1938, no. 43, repr.

The Metropolitan Museum of Art Rogers Fund, 37.165.33

90 Seated Satyr Looking Downward

Pen and brown ink, gray-brown wash, over black chalk. 7 3/4 x 7 7/8 inches (19.9 x 20 cm.).

Numbered in black chalk on verso, 54.

See No. 88.

PROVENANCE: Marquis de Biron, Paris and Geneva; purchased by the Metropolitan Museum in Geneva, 1937.

The Metropolitan Museum of Art Rogers Fund, 37.165.49

91 Time and Cupid

Pen and brown ink, brown wash, over black chalk. 10 5/6 x 12 5/6 inches (26.8 x 31.5 cm.). Watermark: letters V d (see watermark no. 30).

This brilliant study was used with very little alteration for the figures of Time and Cupid in the group with Venus in the south portion of the great ceiling of the Palazzo Clerici, Milan. In the fresco, Time’s scythe gains a more complicated handle and his right wing covers most of his right arm; further, one no longer sees his left arm athwart Cupid’s body, and the hourglass is omitted.

PROVENANCE: See No. 64.

BIBLIOGRAPHY: Fairfax Murray, IV, 125; Benesch, Venetian Drawings, no. 30, repr.


The Pierpont Morgan Library No. IV, 125
92 Time with a Chariot Wheel, a Dragon's Wing and Tail to Left

Pen and brown ink, brown wash, over traces of black chalk. 9⅞ × 16⅛ inches (24.8 × 41 cm.).

Nos. 92 and 93, studies for a seated figure of Time, are clearly related iconographically, stylistically, and technically to the Morgan Library study for Time as he appears in the Clerici ceiling (see No. 91). The present drawings are no doubt both alternative studies for the same figure. All three are executed in a dark brown ink and wash that are markedly different from the golden brown ink and wash that characterize the bulk of the drawings that can with certainty or plausibility be associated with the Palazzo Clerici. Nonetheless, Nos. 91, 92, and 93 are part of the Clerici group.

PROVENANCE: Eugène Rodrigues (according to Biron inventory); Marquis de Biron, Paris and Geneva; purchased by the Metropolitan Museum in Geneva, 1937.

BIBLIOGRAPHY: Benesch, Venetian Drawings, no. 28, repr.

EXHIBITIONS: Chicago, Tiepolo Exhibition, 1938, no. 68.

The Metropolitan Museum of Art Rogers Fund, 37.165.9

94 Three Zephyrs

Pen and brown ink, brown wash, over black chalk. 12⅞ × 10⅛ inches (32.1 × 27.5 cm.). Lower left corner repaired.

Though typical of the many figures with butterfly wings fluttering in the skies of the Clerici ceiling, this soaring triad does not correspond with any specific group, nor can it be related to the Hausmann oil sketch.

PROVENANCE: See No. 64.

BIBLIOGRAPHY: Fairfax Murray, IV, 129.

EXHIBITIONS: Chicago, Tiepolo Exhibition, 1938, no. 60; Allentown Art Museum, "Gothic to Baroque," 1960, no. 95.

The Pierpont Morgan Library No. IV, 129

95 Bacchant and Bacchante

Pen and brown ink, brown wash, over black chalk. 10¾ × 9¾ inches (27.8 × 25.2 cm.).

According to whether the sketchily indicated wand held by the male figure is interpreted as a caduceus or thyrsus, he may be identified as Mercury or as a youthful bacchant, both of whom are actors on the Clerici scene although not in this pose.

PROVENANCE: See No. 64.

The Pierpont Morgan Library No. IV, 109a

96 Scherzo di Fantasia: Standing Warrior and King Attended by Five Figures

Pen and brown ink, brown wash, over a little black chalk. 13¾ × 10¾ inches (35 × 27.8 cm.). Watermark: small trefoil, letters V d (see watermark no. 30).

Numbers 96, 97, and 98 are all related in format, figure style, mysterious subject matter, even in their exotic costumes and accessories, to Giambattista's series of twenty-three etchings called the Scherzi di Fantasia—Fantastic Jokes (Pignatti, Acqueforti dei Tiepolo, pls. xiii–xxxv). No one of the drawings, however, is a study for any specific Scherzo. Indeed, no complete study for any of the Scherzi seems to
have survived, though George Knox has loosely associated a number of sketches with the series (see G. Knox, *Burlington Magazine*, CVIII, 1936, pp. 585–586; Fogg, *Tiepolo Exhibition*, 1970, under no. 17). Knox argues that the Scherzi as well as the Capricci, Giambattista’s other series of etchings, were executed in the years 1743–1749. The present drawings relate technically and stylistically to certain drawings associated with the preparations for the Palazzo Clerici fresco (see Nos. 91, 92, and 93), and thus may date from the late 1730s or early 1740s.

**Provenance:** Eugène Rodrigues (according to Birron inventory); Marquis de Biron, Paris and Geneva; purchased by the Metropolitan Museum in Geneva, 1937.

**Bibliography:** Benesch, *Venetian Drawings*, no. 20, repr.

*The Metropolitan Museum of Art Rogers Fund, 37.165.17*

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**97 Scherzo di Fantasia: Two Standing Orientals and a Standing Youth**

Pen and brown ink, brown wash, over traces of black chalk. 13¾ × 9¾ inches (34.6 × 25.2 cm.).

See No. 96.

**Provenance:** Marquis de Biron, Paris and Geneva; purchased by the Metropolitan Museum in Geneva, 1937.

**Bibliography:** Metropolitan Museum, *European Drawings*, no. 43, repr.

**Exhibitions:** Chicago, Tiepolo Exhibition, 1938, no. 80, repr.; New York, Tiepolo Exhibition, 1938, no. 52, repr.

*The Metropolitan Museum of Art Rogers Fund, 37.165.13*

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**98 Scherzo di Fantasia: Seated Warrior and Standing Youth**

Pen and brown ink, brown wash, over black chalk. 13¾ × 9¾ inches (34.9 × 27.4 cm.).

Stamped in black ink at upper margin of verso, 5.

See No. 96.

**Provenance:** Marquis de Biron, Paris and Geneva; purchased by the Metropolitan Museum in Geneva, 1937.

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**99 Three Standing Men and an Angel**

Pen and brown ink, brown wash, over black chalk. 14 × 10½ inches (35.6 × 26.2 cm.). Diagonal crease at lower right. Lined.

Inscribed in black chalk at lower left, tiepolo.

The three standing, draped men wearing fanciful Oriental headdresses are very similar to the exotic figures that people Giambattista’s *Scherzi di Fantasia.* Indeed, the drawing might be thought to be a free study for this secular series if it were not for the presence of the angel behind.

*Private Collection*

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**100 Psyche Transported to Olympus**

Pen and brown ink, brown wash, over black chalk. 9¾ × 9 inches (24.8 × 22.9 cm.), sight. Several spots of brown wash at lower margin.

The identification of the subject is due to M. Mauriceau Beaupré, and at the time this drawing was exhibited at the Galerie Cailleux in Paris in 1932, it was suggested that this forms part of a series illustrating the story of Psyche. A drawing now in the collection of Mrs. Vincent Astor representing Psyche seated by a blindfolded Cupid was also associated with this theme. No painted version by Giambattista of this subject has survived.

In No. 101 below the subject is the same, Psyche looking upward as she is transported heavenward by putti, but the group has been reversed and the number of putti increased to three. Stylistically the drawings seem to date from about 1740 and are close in handling to the drawings related to Giambattista’s work in the Palazzo Clerici, Milan.

**Provenance:** Victor de Cock; A. Doucet; José Maria Sert (according to labels on back of frame).

**Exhibitions:** Cailleux, Tiepolo et Guardi, 1952, no. 16, pl. 12.

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101 Psyche Transported to Olympus

Pen and brown ink, brown wash, over black chalk. 8 7/8 × 8 1/2 inches (22.3 × 22 cm.).

Inscribed in pen and brown ink on verso, Tiepolo; numbered in black chalk on verso, No 10 32/14 33/9 smie.

See No. 100.

PROVENANCE: Marquis de Biron, Paris and Geneva; purchased by the Metropolitan Museum in Geneva, 1937.

The Metropolitan Museum of Art Rogers Fund, 37.165.20

102 Virgin and Child Seated on a Globe

Pen and brown ink, brown and yellow wash, over black chalk. 17 3/4 × 12 7/8 inches (45.1 × 30.8 cm.). Several spots.

Byam Shaw has suggested that this is probably a design for a processional mace, and Knox proposes that it may have been planned as part of Giambattista’s work for the Scuola dei Carmini, executed between 1740 and 1743. The presence in the drawing of an angel holding the Carmelite scapular gives weight to this association. A similar scapular-bearing angel appears at the center of Giambattista’s large ceiling canvas in the principal room of the Scuola dei Carmini.


BIBLIOGRAPHY: Knox, The Orloff Album, pp. 273, 275, no. 44, fig. 102.


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103 Nobility and Virtue

Pen and brown–black (iron gallnut) ink, gray wash, over black chalk. 10 7/8 × 9 7/8 inches (27.6 × 25 cm.).

This drawing is one of a group of closely related studies in the Morgan Library (see also Nos. 104, 105, and 106). These, together with another Morgan drawing (No. 107) and a further sheet in the Metropolitan Museum (No. 108) form a sequence that illustrates Tiepolo’s remarkable fertility of invention in the manipulation of a motif.

Such paired Virtues constitute the theme of a number of ceilings dated between 1740 and 1750: Palazzo Barbarigo, Venice (now Museo di Ca’ Rezzonico); Palazzo Caiselli, Udine (now Museo Civico); Villa Cordellina, Montecchio Maggiore; Palazzo Gallarati-Scotti, Milan; and Palazzo Manin, Venice (now Florence, Contini-Bonacossi collection). But with none of these is there any true correspondence of finished work and surviving drawings. The Virtues have often been identified as Strength (or Fortitude) and Wisdom, but an interpretation as Virtue and Nobility would seem to be more strictly in accordance with Ripa. According to that authority, “Nobilita” is personified as a woman carrying a lance in her right hand and the “simolacro di Minerva” in her left (Pt. II, pp. 89–90); “Virtù,” as a winged woman who holds a lance in her right hand, a crown of laurel in the left, and wears a sun on her breast (Pt. II, pp. 336–337). With the exception of the laurel wreath and an obvious disregard for left and right, these elements are present here. The Metropolitan Museum’s drawing incorporates all of the attributes with the exception of the lances, an omission that must have seemed desirable from the point of view of composition.

The four Morgan drawings, as Knox and others have remarked, are perhaps best linked with the Villa Cordellina ceiling, which was painted late in 1743 (Morassi, 1962, fig. 347); for instance, the putto of the present sheet has a near counterpart in the Dulwich modello (Morassi, 1962, fig. 346) for the Cordellina ceiling, and the chalk indications of a second putto and the foot of another figure may be regarded as fragmentary first notations for the group of Vice, who falls headlong away from the central Virtues.

For yet another drawing that has been associated with this group in the Villa Cordellina ceiling, see Vigni, Disegni del Tiepolo, no. 81.

PROVENANCE: See No. 64.


The Pierpont Morgan Library
No. IV, 107
104 Virtue and Nobility

Pen and brown-black (iron gallnut) ink, gray wash, over black chalk. 10 1/4 x 9 3/4 inches (26.1 x 24.4 cm.). Watermark: letters A S (see watermark no. 29).

It will be noted that the statuette of Minerva, which is Nobility's attribute, is indicated only in the preliminary chalk sketch, where her left arm is shown in a raised position. An alternate placement was also apparently considered in relation to the lowered arm; just above it one sees a few hasty chalk strokes that appear to outline the small standing form of the goddess. The winged figure here appears on the left as it does in all the painted versions of the subject except that now in the Contini-Bonacossi collection, Florence (Morassi, 1962, fig. 351). That the figure may be identified as Virtue would seem to be indicated by the chalk circle on her breast, an abbreviated reference to the sun disk.

Morgan drawing Inv. IV, 1116, showing a small putto and part of a second figure, which can be identified as Vice (Virtue's opposite who appears in the various paintings below the central pair of figures), was at one time attached at the lower left corner of the sheet. The extreme acidity of the ink in which this drawing and its companions (Nos. 103, 105, and 106) are executed tends to "burn" through the paper in those areas where the deposit is heaviest. The watermark of this sheet also appears in Nos. 105 and 106.

Provenance: See No. 64.

Bibliography: Fairfax Murray, IV, 106.


Provenance: See No. 64.

Bibliography: Fairfax Murray, IV, 112.

106 Nobility, Liberality, and a Third Virtue

Pen and brown-black (iron gallnut) ink, gray wash, over black chalk. 10 1/4 x 12 3/4 inches (25.8 x 32.3 cm.). Watermark: letters A S (see watermark no. 29).

The third allegorical figure who joins Nobility and her companion here is very possibly to be interpreted as Abundance or Liberality in view of the overflowing cornucopia supported by the putto. Ripa (Pt. II, pp. 6-7) writes that the "horns of plenty mean that Abundance brings forth Liberality when it is accompanied by Nobility of the Generous Spirit. . . ."

Knox cites the ceiling painting formerly in the collection of the Baron Gustave de Rothschild, Paris (Sack, Tiepolo, fig. 213), as containing a number of the elements of this drawing, but there is little significant relationship.

Provenance: See No. 64.

Bibliography: Fairfax Murray, IV, 112.

Provenance: See No. 64.

Bibliography: Fairfax Murray, IV, 106

107 Virtue and Nobility

Pen and brown ink, brown wash, over black chalk. 12 x 10 1/2 inches (30.4 x 25.7 cm.).

The Pierpont Morgan Library No. IV, 106

Though dealing with the same theme as Nos. 103-106 and 108, this drawing is so different in execution that it probably originated within the context of another project, possibly somewhat later than the Villa Cordellina. Among the various paintings and drawings of the subject, this appears to be the only instance in which Tiepolo employed the attractive device of placing the small statue of Minerva in the hand of the attendant putto. It has often been sug-
suggested that the drawing is to be associated with the Palazzo Barbarigo ceiling, now the Ca'Rezzonico; such a relationship cannot be ruled out but it is more easily postulated for the following drawing (No. 108).

PROVENANCE: See No. 64.

The Pierpont Morgan Library
No. IV, 133a

108 Virtue and Nobility

Pen and brown ink, brown wash, over black chalk. 10⅜ × 9¾ inches (26.6 × 24.9 cm.). Watermark: letters F C (see watermark no. 28).

Numbered in black chalk on verso, 49.

Tiepolo here explicitly illustrates Ripa's characterization of "Virtù" and "Nobiltà" (see No. 103). The presence of the putto holding a wreath could be regarded as an argument for associating this study with the Ca'Rezzonico painting, where the wreath is a prominent feature, although as with all the drawings on this theme there is no truly precise correspondence with any of the paintings. The date of the Ca'Rezzonico painting, 1744–1745, would be acceptable for the style of the drawing.

PROVENANCE: Marquis de Biron, Paris and Geneva; purchased by the Metropolitan Museum in Geneva, 1937.

The Metropolitan Museum of Art
Rogers Fund, 37.165.29

109 Time Holding a Nude Female Figure, a Putto at Right

Pen and brown ink, gray-brown wash, over black chalk. 8¾ × 7¾ inches (22.3 × 20.1 cm.).

Verso: Black chalk tracings over principal contours of recto.

Time and his nude female companion, possibly to be identified as Beauty, appear, reversed and somewhat altered, above the frescoed representation of the Banquet of Anthony and Cleopatra in the Palazzo Labia, Venice (Morassi, 1955, pl. 46). The Ca' Labia frescoes are assigned to the summer of 1744 by Knox.

PROVENANCE: Marquis de Biron, Paris and Geneva; purchased by the Metropolitan Museum in Geneva, 1937.

BIBLIOGRAPHY: Metropolitan Museum, European Drawings, no. 38, repr.; Bean, 100 European Drawings, no. 43, repr.

The Metropolitan Museum of Art
Rogers Fund, 37.165.10

110 The Meeting of Anthony and Cleopatra

Pen and brown ink, brown wash, over a little black chalk. 16⅔ × 11⅔ inches (40.8 × 29.2 cm.). Watermark: large trefoil, large letters V d (see watermark no. 31).

Inscribed in black chalk on verso, Ce Dessin a été double.

The meeting of Anthony and Cleopatra, in a splendid setting of illusionistic architecture by Mengozzi-Colonna, is the subject of one of Giambattista's frescoes in the Salone of the Palazzo Labia in Venice, painted in the mid-1740s (Morassi, 1955, pl. 47). The poses of the two principal figures in the drawing differ considerably from the Palazzo Labia fresco, but the drawing, on stylistic grounds, may well date from the same time. The two figures grouped as they are in the drawing occur in an oil sketch in the collection of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wrightsman, New York (Morassi, 1955, fig. 30). This sketch is a study for a large canvas by Giambattista, dated 1747, at Arkhangelskoye, the former country house of the Yusupov family near Moscow, where the figures of Anthony and Cleopatra are arranged in yet another fashion (Morassi, 1962, fig. 313). The complex relationships among the Palazzo Labia fresco, the Wrightsman oil sketch, the painting at Arkhangelskoye, and the present drawing pose a typically difficult problem in Tiepolo chronology.

PROVENANCE: Marquis de Biron, Paris and Geneva; purchased by the Metropolitan Museum in Geneva, 1937.

BIBLIOGRAPHY: Metropolitan Museum, European Drawings, no. 38, repr.; Bean, 100 European Drawings, no. 43, repr.

The Metropolitan Museum of Art
Rogers Fund, 37.165.10
111 Bacchus and Ariadne

Pen and brown ink, brown wash, over black chalk. 10 x 7 ½ inches (25.4 x 19.4 cm.).
Numbered in black chalk on verso, 35.

This brilliant drawing is closely related in style and composition to two other studies of Bacchus seated, raising a cup of wine in his right hand and holding a flask in his left, with Ariadne seated at his right. One is in the collection of Mrs. Joan K. Davidson, New York (repr. Fogg, Tiepolo Exhibition, 1970, no. 36), the other in the collection of Madame Z. Birschansky in Paris (Cailleux, Tiepolo et Guardi, 1952, no. 23, pl. 6).

In discussing Mrs. Davidson’s drawing Knox pointed out convincingly that the three sketches are studies for a ceiling fresco in the Palazzo Labia representing Bacchus and Ariadne (Morassi, 1962, fig. 265). In the fresco certain changes were made and the composition given a horizontal axis: Ariadne is farther from Bacchus, but turns towards him in profile, while hovering putti are moved to the right. Knox assigns Giambattista’s decorations in the Palazzo Labia to 1744.

PROVENANCE: William Bateson (Lugt S. 2604a); Bateson sale, London, Sotheby’s, April 23–24, 1929, no. 99; Philip Hofer, Cambridge, Mass.


Robert Lehman Collection

113 Three Studies of Bacchus

Pen and brown ink, brown wash, over black chalk. 13 x 10 ½ inches (33 x 27.5 cm.). Watermark: letters V d (see watermark no. 30).

The problem of placing this splendid drawing in its proper context may be judged by the fact that Knox links it with the drawings related to the Hausammann oil sketch and at the same time suggests that it may be a study for the ceiling of Bacchus and Ariadne in the Palazzo Labia (Fogg, Tiepolo Exhibition, 1970, under nos. 19 and 36). In favor of a connection with the Hausammann modello is the point that Bacchus is there depicted as a standing figure, seen in steep perspective, his thyrsus at his side, although presented frontally rather than in the three-quarter aspect of the rotund god of this sheet. The color of the ink and wash, as well as the style, is nearer that of the Lehman Bacchus and Ariadne (No. 112) and the Morgan Harvester (No. 114) than the golden brown tone so consistently characteristic of the drawings of the Hausammann group. Compare, for example, the clearly preparatory Morgan study for Bacchus’s companion (No. 80) in the oil sketch.
Beyond the fact that they are seated, the other two figures of the sheet have little in common with the Bacchus of the Labia ceiling and do not agree with the drawing style of that project, which is firmly established by the group of drawings to which the Metropolitan drawing No. 111 belongs. If the Morgan and Lehman sheets are to be associated with the Palazzo Labia, it would seem necessary to postulate that there were two campaigns of drawing productive of two series of designs as in the Hausamman—Clerici project.

PROVENANCE: See No. 64.


The Pierpont Morgan Library
No. IV, 117a

114 Harvesters with Rakes and a Sieve

Pen and brown ink, brown wash, over black chalk. 8\(\frac{3}{4}\) \times 10\(\frac{3}{4}\) inches (22.3 \times 27.7 cm.). Upper corners diagonally cropped.

It has not been possible to trace this delightful rustic motif in any of Giambattista's painted works. While at first glance such a theme would not seem to carry any iconographical significance, George Knox has pointed out that according to Ripa (Pt. I, pp. 194–196), the rake and the sieve, because they separate good from bad, are the attributes of the personification “Distintione del bene et del male.” Stylistically, the drawing appears to be a work of the mid-forties. Morgan drawing Inv. IV, 129a, was formerly a part of this sheet.

PROVENANCE: See No. 64.


The Pierpont Morgan Library
No. IV, 117b

115 Zephyr and Flora

Pen and brown ink, brown wash, over black chalk. 9 \times 9 inches (22.8 \times 22.8 cm.). Upper corners replaced.

Inscribed in black chalk on verso, 40.

Knox has convincingly identified this free sketch as a study for the elliptical ceiling fresco in the Palazzo Labia, Venice, representing Zephyr gazing lovingly at Flora (Morassi, 1962, fig. 257). In the fresco the group is reversed, and Zephyr appears at the right; this solution is announced in a drawing now in the Barber Institute of Fine Arts, Birmingham (Sack, Tiepolo, fig. 113). A drawing in Trieste may be related to the fresco; Flora appears at center, Zephyr at right, and an unidentified additional figure at right (Vigni, Disegni del Tiepolo, fig. 105).

PROVENANCE: Marquis de Biron, Paris and Geneva; purchased by the Metropolitan Museum in Geneva, 1937.

BIBLIOGRAPHY: Fogg, Tiepolo Exhibition, 1970, under no. 36.

The Metropolitan Museum of Art
Rogers Fund, 37. 165. 51

116 Zephyr and Flora

Pen and brown ink, brown wash, over black chalk. 11\(\frac{3}{4}\) \times 10\(\frac{3}{4}\) inches (29.8 \times 27.3 cm.). Watermark: large trefoil, small letters V d (see watermark no. 32).

Although allied in subject to the ceiling of Zephyr and Flora in the Palazzo Labia, this drawing appears to be earlier in style and bears little relation to the drawings discussed in the preceding entry (No. 115).

PROVENANCE: See No. 64.


The Pierpont Morgan Library
No. IV, 109

117 Three Angels in Flight

Pen and brown ink, brown wash. 10 \times 8 inches (25.5 \times 20.4 cm.). Watermark: fir tree (see watermark no. 46).

This is one of a unit of twenty-one drawings from the Morgan-Cheney album, all executed, without any preliminary chalk indications, in the same rough penwork and "flooded" with large areas of a very wet, dark brown wash. The papers for the most part are watermarked with a fir tree or the letters I F Q, the latter possibly a countermark of the tree device. Almost all the drawings represent flying figures depicted in attitudes of upward sup-
port (in this, the present drawing is not entirely typical). On the basis of George P. Maras’s identification of a drawing at Princeton as a study for the Virgin in the Miracle of the Holy House of Loreto (1745)—the now demolished ceiling fresco of the Chiesa degli Scalzi, Venice, George Knox associated this group and others from different sources with the Scalzi commission. He also included another Morgan group of five small drawings of spectators executed in a more careful manner, but the group is more likely linked with the Villa Contarini at Mira. None of the figures in the Morgan drawings has its precise counterpart in the ceiling, but attention may be drawn to the figure with outspread legs in the group of angelic musicians in the upper third of the ceiling, whose pose seems to be forecast in the central figure of Morgan Inv. IV, 123a. The other drawings of this group are Inv. IV, 95 b–f; 98b–e; 102a; 103a, b, d; 116a; 119a; 123a; 128a; 132b; 134a; 137; 138.

PROVENANCE: See No. 64.


The Pierpont Morgan Library
No. IV, 95a

118 Angelica and Medoro

Pen and brown ink, brown wash, over black chalk. 15 1/4 x 11 3/4 inches (38.4 x 28.9 cm.). Crease at lower right corner. Watermark: large trefoil, small letters V d (see watermark no. 32). Lined.

This affective representation of the famous lovers of Ariosto’s Orlando Furioso (Canto XIX: 1–41) differs from tradition in that it is Angelica who carves their names on the tree trunk rather than Medoro, the wounded young Moorish soldier whom the princess of Cathay succored and married to the despair and madness of Orlando. This variation was, however, one which Tiepolo favored; it occurs in a drawing in the National Gallery of Art, Rosenwald Collection, as well as in the famed frescoes of the Villa Valmarana, and Domenico followed suit in drawings now at Oxford and Milan.

The Thaw drawing until recently had as a companion the Rinaldo and Armida now in the Smith College Museum of Art at Northampton, a drawing of similar size and execution; both drawings are reported in the Wellesley exhibition catalogue to have been in the Calando collection but only the Smith College sheet is listed in the sale of March 17, 1927 (no. 237). The two drawings are discussed at length by Professor Rensselaer Lee. He appropriately dates them around 1745.


Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Victor Thaw

119 Time and Truth

Pen and brown ink, brown wash, over black chalk. 10 x 8 1/4 inches (25.4 x 22.1 cm.).

Time, embracing a nude figure of Truth, identified by the sun symbol she holds in her hand or that appears above her, are a standard allegorical couple in Giambattista’s iconographic repertory (see for example Morassi, 1962, figs. 322, 323, 325, 327). Neither this nor the following two fine variations on a theme can be clearly associated with a painted work. The present drawing is perhaps earlier and differs stylistically from Nos. 120 and 121, which have in common a looser, more transparent handling of pen and wash, as does a related representation of Time and Truth in the Morgan Library (Inv. IV, 101).

A copy of the present sheet was sold at Sotheby’s in London, October 21, 1963, no. 169.

PROVENANCE: Marquis de Biron, Paris and Geneva; purchased by the Metropolitan Museum in Geneva, 1937.

BIBLIOGRAPHY: Benesch, Venetian Drawings, no. 22, repr.

The Metropolitan Museum of Art
Rogers Fund, 37.165.23
120 **Time and Truth**
Pen and brown ink, brown wash, over black chalk. 10½ × 9 3/4 inches (25.3 × 23.3 cm.). Inscribed in black chalk on verso, Tiepolo.

See No. 119.

**PROVENANCE:** Marquis de Biron, Paris and Geneva; purchased by the Metropolitan Museum in Geneva, 1937.

_The Metropolitan Museum of Art Rogers Fund, 37.165.19_

121 **Time and Truth**
Pen and brown ink, brown wash, over black chalk. 10½ × 10 3/4 inches (26 × 26 cm.). Watermark: six-pointed star with letters B F (see watermark no. 33).

Inscribed in black chalk on verso, Tiepolo.

See No. 119.

**PROVENANCE:** Marquis de Biron, Paris and Geneva; purchased by the Metropolitan Museum in Geneva, 1937.

**BIBLIOGRAPHY:** Metropolitan Museum, _European Drawings_, no. 39, repr.

**EXHIBITIONS:** New York, Tiepolo Exhibition, 1938, no. 40, repr.

_The Metropolitan Museum of Art Rogers Fund, 37.165.42_

122 **Two Old Men, a Marine Deity, and a Putto Looking over a Balustrade**
Pen and brown ink, brown wash, over black chalk. 6 3/4 × 10 1/2 inches (16.8 × 26.7 cm.). Lower right corner replaced. Watermark: large trefoil, small letters V d (see watermark no. 32).

These four figures gathered at a balustrade must have been studied with a ceiling fresco in mind, but they cannot be directly associated with any existing decoration by Giambattista. The style suggests the 1740s. The Morgan Library possesses a study of a similar group of figures looking over a balustrade very close in style to the present example (Inv. IV 128a; repr. Benesch, _Venetian Drawings_, no. 26), and four smaller studies of such groups are to be found in this collection (Inv. IV 122a, 123d, 123e, 132c). The Morgan Library drawings have been associated with the ceiling decoration for the Villa Contarini at Mira, now in the Musée Jacquemart-André in Paris, where a crowd of spectators looks down over a high-placed balustrade.

**PROVENANCE:** William Bateson (Lugt S. 26044); Bate- son sale, London, Sotheby's, April 23–24, 1929, no. 97; Paul Wallraf, London.

**BIBLIOGRAPHY:** Sack, _Tiepolo_, p. 252, no. 104; _The Vasari Society for the Reproduction of Drawings by Old Masters_, Part IX, London, 1928, no. 6, repr.

**EXHIBITIONS:** London, Burlington Fine Arts Club, "Drawings by Deceased Masters," 1917, no. 84; Venice, Wallraf Exhibition, 1959, no. 57, repr.

_Robert Lehman Collection_

123 **The Flight into Egypt**
Pen and brown ink, brown wash, over traces of black chalk. 16 1/4 × 11 3/4 inches (41.9 × 29.8 cm.). Some black chalk or charcoal spots.

A particularly luminous example of a large-scale drawing from the Orloff collection that was clearly drawn as an independent work of art. Domenico Tiepolo borrowed this design by his father for one of his etchings in the _Flight into Egypt_ series, where Giambattista's composition is reversed (Pignatti, _Acqueforti dei Tiepolo_, pl. LXI).

**PROVENANCE:** Prince Alexis Orloff, Paris; Orloff sale, Paris, Galerie Georges Petit, April 29–30, 1920, no. 90, repr.

**BIBLIOGRAPHY:** Knox, _The Orloff Album_, pp. 273, 275, no. 29, fig. 101.

_Mrs. Vincent Astor_

124 **Christ Healing a Paralytic Man**
Pen and brown ink, brown wash, over black chalk. 12 1/4 × 16 3/4 inches (30.8 × 42.7 cm.). Slightly foxed; small repaired loss at lower right margin; touches of red chalk at lower right corner.

The setting of this biblical scene, the Pool of Bethesda, is represented as a sumptuous classical loggia, and the horizontal disposition of the composition harks back, as Knox has pointed out, to the example of Paolo Veronese, whose style had such a profound and exhilarating influence on Tiepolo. Knox dates this drawing between 1740 and 1750. The hori-
zontal format of this sheet is unusual among the drawings from Prince Orloff’s collection, though it shares this feature with another biblical scene from the same source, now in the collection of the late Frits Lugt, Institut Néerlandais, Paris (Orloff sale, no. 144). This latter sheet represents figures seated around a table in a splendid architectural setting reminiscent of Paolo Veronese.


BIBLIOGRAPHY: Knox, The Orloff Album, pp. 273, 275, no. 46.


Private Collection

125 Venus Entrusting an Infant in Swaddling Clothes to Time

Pen and brown ink, brown wash, over black chalk. 11 3/8 × 9 3/8 inches (30.3 × 23.2 cm.). Watermark: graduated triple crescents (see watermark no. 15).

This group, somewhat altered and in reverse, appears in a ceiling painting formerly in the Bischofshainm collection and now in the National Gallery, London (Morassi, 1962, pp. 18, 71; repr. F. J. B. Watson, Apollo, LXXXI, 1965, p. 187). The painting may be dated in the later 1740s, and this is a very plausible dating for the drawing as well.

PROVENANCE: Marquis de Biron, Paris and Geneva; purchased by the Metropolitan Museum in Geneva, 1937.

BIBLIOGRAPHY: Benesch, Venetian Drawings, no. 34, repr.

The Metropolitan Museum of Art Rogers Fund, 37.165.11

127 Magus and His Attendants

Pen and brown ink, brown wash, over black chalk; framing lines in pen and blue ink. 15 3/8 × 10 1/4 inches (38.6 × 25.6 cm.).

This group must be studied for an Adoration of the Magi, but cannot be directly associated with a painting. The most celebrated version of this subject painted by Giambattista is the Adoration dated 1753, executed in Germany for the church of the Benedictines at Schwarzhof and now in the Alte Pinakothek, Munich (Morassi, 1955, pl. 50). The drawing is said by Morassi to have a German provenance, but it differs so considerably from the painting in Munich that it is difficult to establish a connection with that Adoration, just as it is difficult to date the drawing.

PROVENANCE: Convent of Nonnberg near Salzburg; Professor Neufang, Munich (according to Morassi in the Wallraf catalogue); Paul Wallraf, London.

EXHIBITIONS: Venice, Wallraf Exhibition, 1939, no. 61. repr.

Robert Lehman Collection

128 Young Man Seated on a Cloud

Pen and brown ink, brown wash. 8 1/4 × 5 3/4 inches (15.9 × 14.6 cm.), sight. Repaired loss at upper left corner.

This free sketch and its pendant, No. 129, come from an album of studies by Giambattista devoted exclusively to figures seen in steep perspective, seated on clouds. This series must have been used as a kind of pictorial repertory in the Tiepolo studio,
for cloud-borne figures were a constant feature in Giambattista’s decorative schemes. This album, which was broken up in the 1920s, was labeled *Sole Figure per Soffitti*, and once probably belonged to the great nineteenth-century collector Edward Cheney. There was another now dismembered volume from the same source labeled *Sole Figure Vestite T.*: *I.* This contained drawings of standing figures, often in Oriental costume. A good many drawings from these two albums are now in New York collections, and the present two examples testify to the versatility of Giambattista’s imagination as a figure draughtsman.

**Provenance:** The Library of the Somasco Convent (S. Maria della Salute), Venice; Cicognara; Canova; Monsignor Canova; Francesco Pesaro; Edward Cheney, London; sale, London, Sotheby’s, April 29, 1885, no. 1042.

_129 Young Woman Seated on a Cloud_

Pen and brown ink, brown wash. 8 1/4 x 5 5/8 inches (20.5 x 14.8 cm.), sight. Several spots of wash.

See No. 128.

**Provenance:** Same as No. 128.

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_130 Design for an Overmantel_

Pen and brown ink, brown wash, over black chalk. 13 1/2 x 10 inches (34.3 x 25.4 cm.).

A most unusual drawing showing Giambattista’s skill and fantasy as a decorator. Here he proposes an overmantel decoration comprising a figured medallion with a mask above and a shell motif below, flanked by two asymmetrically placed putti, one standing and one seated.

**Provenance:** J. Böhler, Lucerne; Tomas Harris, London.

**Exhibitions:** London, Royal Academy, 1953, no. 202; London, Arts Council, Tiepolo Exhibition, 1955, no. 16, repr.

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_131 Studies of Vases_

Pen and brown ink, brown wash, over black chalk. 12 1/2 x 9 5/8 inches (31.8 x 23.2 cm.). Slight creases below center and at upper right corner. Watermark: six-pointed star above letters B [F] (see watermark no. 33).

This beautiful sheet is closely related in style and subject to a group of designs by Giambattista for ornamental vases, conserved in the Museo Civico in Trieste (Vigni, _Disegni del Tiepolo_, figs. 36–59). The three nude winged female figures with cork-screw tails at the upper left are studies for vase handles, and the bearded mask studied at upper left is used on the vase at right. 

_Private Collection_

_132 Holy Family with an Attendant Boy at Left_

Pen and brown ink, brown wash. 11 3/4 x 7 5/8 inches (28.9 x 20 cm.). Watermark: letters B T (see watermark no. 27).

Inscribed in black chalk on verso, Giov B Tiepolo.

Giambattista designed a long series of entrancing variations on the theme of the Holy Family, involving the subtlest changes in the grouping of the three central figures and their attendants. Many of these studies, which are certainly done as ends in themselves, were preserved in an album that passed to the Somasco Convent in Venice at the departure of the Tiepolo family for Madrid in 1762, was brought to England in the nineteenth century, and was finally dismembered at some point after the Cheney sale at Sotheby’s in 1885. Other fine versions of this theme are in the Metropolitan Museum and in the collection of Dr. and Mrs. Rudolf Heinemann (see Nos. 135 and 136), and a series of eleven were formerly in the collection of the Duc de Talleyrand (repr. A. Morassi, _Descr. vérit. du dix-huitième siècle de la collection du Duc de Tallyrand_, Milan, 1958, nos. 6–16). Both Morassi and Knox date these drawings in the late 1750s.

**Provenance:** The Library of the Somasco Convent (S. Maria della Salute), Venice; Cicognara; Canova; Monsignor Canova; Francesco Pesaro; Edward Cheney, London; sale, London, Sotheby’s, April 29, 1885, no. 1042; Paul Wallraf, London.
133 Holy Family with St. Joseph Standing
Pen and brown ink, brown wash. 11 3/8 x 8 inches (29.1 x 20.2 cm.). Watermark: bird (see watermark no. 1).
See No. 132.
Provenance: Same as No. 132, and as well, Henry S. Reidinger, London; Reidinger sale, London, Sotheby’s, December 9, 1953, no. 109, repr.; Paul Wallraf, London.
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134 Holy Family under a Tree with St. Joseph Standing at a Pedestal
Pen and brown ink, brown wash, over black chalk. 8 3/8 x 11 1/2 inches (21.3 x 29.3 cm.).
See No. 132.
Provenance: Same as No. 132, through Cheney sale, and as well, Mark Oliver; Tomas Harris, London.
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135 Holy Family with St. Joseph Kneeling
Pen and brown ink, brown wash. 13 7/8 x 9 3/4 inches (35.2 x 23.5 cm.).
Signed in pen and brown ink at lower left, Giovanni Battista Tiepolo.
See No. 132.
Provenance: Same as No. 132, through Cheney sale, and as well, Mark Oliver; Tomas Harris, London.
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136 Holy Family with Child Asleep
Pen and brown ink, brown wash. 11 1/2 x 8 inches (29.2 x 20.3 cm.). Upper and lower right corners replaced.
In style and subject this Holy Family is to be associated with the large group of studies of the Holy Family that once formed part of an album left by Giambattista Tiepolo with the Somasco Convent in Venice on his departure for Madrid (see No. 132). In this case the provenance is different: the drawing comes from the Orloff collection. Like the four Holy Families discussed above, this drawing may be dated in the late 1750s.
Bibliography: Knox, The Orloff Album, p. 275, no. 77.
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137 Bishop Seated
Pen and brown ink, brown wash, over black chalk. 11 1/4 x 8 inches (28.6 x 20.3 cm.). Lower right corner replaced.
A fine, free drawing that cannot be associated with a painted work and possibly dates from the 1750s.
Bibliography: Knox, The Orloff Album, p. 275, no. 73.
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138 Group of Figures
Pen and brown ink, brown wash, over red chalk. 11 3/4 x 8 inches (28.6 x 20.3 cm.). Repaired loss at lower right corner; repaired tear at upper left margin.
The subject of this composition study is uncertain. In the Orloff sale catalogue the central figure was described as female, but J. J. Byam Shaw has proposed an alternative solution, that this is a Passion subject, and that here Christ is represented as he was shown to the people. The drawing must be late.

bibliography: Knox, The Orloff Album, pp. 274, 275, no. 75.


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139 Apotheosis of a Warrior

Pen and brown ink, brown wash, over a little black chalk. 9\(\frac{3}{4}\) × 12\(\frac{1}{2}\) inches (24.9 × 31.7 cm.).

While this drawing and the following pair all deal with the apotheosis theme, differences in style and technique suggest that they may relate to separate projects. Of the various painted versions of the subject showing the laurel-crowned hero with a lion at his side, the Metropolitan sheet is perhaps most logically associable with the Apotheosis of Francesco Barbaro, the painting on canvas formerly in the Palazzo Barbaro, Venice, and now likewise in the Metropolitan Museum (Morassi, 1955, fig. 27). The painting is usually assigned to the period 1745–1750, but Sack dated it somewhat later, after Tiepolo’s return from Würzburg. Knox groups the present drawing with Nos. 140 and 141 as a part of the preparation for the decoration of the Palazzo Rezzonico.

provenance: Marquis de Biron, Paris and Geneva; purchased by the Metropolitan Museum in Geneva, 1937.

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Rogers Fund, 37.163.26

140 Apotheosis of Merit

Pen and brown ink, gray-brown wash, over black chalk. 11\(\frac{1}{2}\) × 14 inches (29.2 × 35.5 cm.). Four corners diagonally cropped.

This drawing is perhaps closest to the ceiling fresco Merit between Nobility and Virtue of the Palazzo Rezzonico, Venice (Morassi, 1955, fig. 54), one of two painted in celebration of the marriage of Ludovico Rezzonico and Faustina Savorgnan in 1738. The distinctive motif of the putti carrying the book provides a significant clue for the connection although its placement in the fresco is different. The slight chalk outlines of a column, barely perceptible at the right of the group, may be the genesis of the idea for the circular Temple of Virtue that is similarly located in the fresco. In the intricacies of eighteenth-century allegory, the laurel-crowned bearded man with a book, who personifies Merit, may at the same time have been intended to represent a member of the Rezzonico family. It may be remarked that, as in the fresco, he is shown without the sword hilt or baton of the preceding and following drawings. See also Nos. 139 and 141.

provenance: See No. 64.


The Pierpont Morgan Library
No. IV, 105

141 Apotheosis of Merit

Pen and brown ink, gray-brown wash, over black chalk. 8\(\frac{3}{8}\) × 10\(\frac{3}{4}\) inches (22.7 × 27.2 cm.). Four corners diagonally cropped. Watermark: letters A S (see watermark no. 29).

Here the central figure of the hero who faces left in the above drawing is turned to the right as in the Rezzonico fresco. In the closely connected study at Yale University (repr. Fogg, Tiepolo Exhibition, 1970, no. 77), the winged figure of Fame is moved forward, her trumpet shown silhouetted against the sky at the right instead of against her wing at the left as in the Morgan drawing.

provenance: See No. 64.

bibliography: Fairfax Murray, IV, 104; Fogg, Tiepolo Exhibition, 1970, under no. 77.

The Pierpont Morgan Library
No. IV, 104

142 Constancy and Fame

Pen and brown ink, gray-brown wash, over black chalk. 7\(\frac{3}{4}\) × 10\(\frac{3}{4}\) inches (19.8 × 25.6 cm.). Upper corners diagonally cropped. Watermark: letters A S (see watermark no. 29).

Iconographically, as Knox has pointed out, this sheet and its companion, No. 143—both of which
show the pomegranate, emblem of fruitfulness—
appear to fit with the marriage theme of the Rezzonico ceilings (see No. 140). It may also be remarked
that this sheet bears the same watermark as No. 141, which could help to confirm a connection. There
are no corresponding groups in either of the Rezzonico ceilings.

PROVENANCE: See No. 64.

BIBLIOGRAPHY: Fairfax Murray, IV, 114.

The Pierpont Morgan Library
No. IV, 114

143 Constancy and Fame

Pen and brown ink, gray-brown wash, over black chalk. 8 3/4 x 10 1/4 inches (20.7 x 26.3 cm.). Upper corners diagonally cropped. Watermark: letter B (see watermark no. 25).

See No. 142.

PROVENANCE: See No. 64.

BIBLIOGRAPHY: Fairfax Murray, IV, 115.

The Pierpont Morgan Library
No. IV, 115

144 Error and Falsehood

Pen and brown ink, brown wash, over black chalk. 7 3/4 x 10 1/4 inches (19.5 x 25.7 cm.). Four corners diagonally cropped.

Tiepolo’s decorations at the Villa Valmarana, S. Bastiano at Monte Berico near Vicenza, bear the date 1757, and it is assumed that his work at the Palazzo Trento-Valmarana in Vicenza itself dates from about the same time. Knox, Morassi, Vigni, and others have identified more than twenty drawings that are preparatory for the Palazzo Trento-Valmarana, which was unfortunately destroyed by bombardment in 1945. No other Tiepolo commission is so extensively documented among his surviving drawings. Six of the extant preparatory studies, including the present sheet and Nos. 145 and 146, are in the Morgan Library; the others are divided among the print rooms of Princeton, Trieste, and the Victoria and Albert Museum, London. (For a detailed list, see the Fogg exhibition catalogue of 1970 under nos. 72 and 76.)

The personifications of Error, the blindfolded man with a staff, and Falsehood, the recumbent woman, figure in the Triumph of Truth, the oval ceiling of the principal salon of the palace (Morassi, 1955, fig. 51), although in a somewhat different spatial context.

Not included in the exhibition are three Morgan sketches: Inv. IV, 97 and 98, which are variant ideas for the sole surviving remnant of the Trento frescoes, the tondo in a private collection in Milan with the figure of a man writing, his hand guided by the genius at his side (Morassi, 1962, fig. 407), and Inv. IV, 98g, a sketch for the group of putti presenting the Mirror of Intellect to Truth, for which No. 146 below is also preparatory.

PROVENANCE: See No. 64.

BIBLIOGRAPHY: Fairfax Murray, IV, 136; Knox, Victoria and Albert, under no. 262.


The Pierpont Morgan Library
No. IV, 136

145 Female Figure with Mirror and Serpent and Two Companions

Pen and brown ink, brown wash, over black chalk. 7 3/4 x 6 3/4 inches (18.5 x 17.2 cm.). Three corners repaired. Lined.

As Morassi and Knox independently observed, the figure at upper left was used without change at the right end of the main ceiling of the Palazzo Trento-Valmarana. There she is grouped with another female figure with a column, the symbol of Fortitude and also of Constancy; the present figure’s attributes of mirror and serpent, commonly those of Prudence, may here be associated with Intelligence, as Knox noted. The same authority suggests the winged figure is a sketch for the figure of History in one of the four roundels grouped about the main oval.

PROVENANCE: See No. 64.

BIBLIOGRAPHY: Fairfax Murray, IV, 131.


The Pierpont Morgan Library
No. IV, 131
146  Three Putti Bearing a Mirror

Pen and brown ink, brown wash, over red chalk. 7 3/4 x 5 3/4 inches (19.8 x 13.8 cm.). Repaired losses upper and lower right. Lined.

Both the single putto and the group of three appear in the main ceiling of the Palazzo Trento-Valmarana, the former high in the sky above and to the left of the central figure of Truth and the latter to the right of Truth to whom they hold up a mirror.

PROVENANCE: See No. 64.

BIBLIOGRAPHY: Knox, Victoria and Albert, pp. 32-33, 85, no. 262 (verso).


147  Bacchus and Fauns

Pen and brown ink, brown wash, over red chalk, on brown paper. 7 3/4 x 12 3/8 inches (19.7 x 31.4 cm.).

This powerful representation of the drunken Bacchus and his drowsing companions is most likely a late drawing, perhaps to be dated in the latter years of the 1750s. It has not as yet been associated with any project.

PROVENANCE: See No. 64.

BIBLIOGRAPHY: Fairfax Murray, IV, 139; Arthur Millier, The Drawings of Tiepolo, Los Angeles, 1956, p. 46.


148  The Angel at the Tomb

Pen and black ink, gray wash, over black chalk. 10 x 16 inches (25.3 x 40.6 cm.). Upper corners diagonally cropped. Watermark: coat of arms (see watermark no. 5).

This monumental late design presented in steep foreshortening may well have been executed with a ceiling composition in mind, but no related painted work is known. Fairfax Murray not implausibly identified the subject as the Annunciation, most likely by reason of the lily carried by the angel. The attitude of the almost recumbent female figure lifting her veil, however, suggests a possible alternate identification as one of the Marys at the Tomb, the opened lid of the sepulcher being just visible behind her while the angel gestures in the direction of the risen Christ. For the facial type of the woman, compare the Virgin in the late drawing owned by Mr. and Mrs. Jacob M. Kaplan (repr. Fogg, Tiepolo Exhibition, 1970, no. 89 [dated about 1760]).

PROVENANCE: See No. 64.

BIBLIOGRAPHY: Fairfax Murray, IV, 134.

149  Family Group

Pen and brown ink, gray and brown wash. 10 7/8 x 16 1/2 inches (27.6 x 41.9 cm.).

Giambattista did three drawings of this family, and they are presumably studies for a never-executed group portrait rather in the manner of Paolo Veronese. Rizzi has speculated that the family in question may be the Pisani, whose villa at Strà Giambattista decorated in 1761-1762, just before his departure for Spain. The other two studies for this portrait group are in the Horne Foundation in Florence (repr. Disegni del Tiepolo [exhibition catalogue by Aldo Rizzi], Udine, 1965, no. 116), and with Wildenstein & Co. in New York (repr. Fogg, Tiepolo Exhibition, 1970, no. 95).

PROVENANCE: Tomas Harris, London.


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150  Design for a Dedication Page to Charles III

Pen and brown ink, brown wash, over black chalk. 14 3/8 x 9 3/4 inches (35.6 x 25 cm.).

Inscribed in pen and brown ink at lower left, Do Juán Bautista Tieplo; at lower right, lo grecho (?) . . . Volpato.

As one of the few known examples of Tiepolo's drawing style during his last years, which were spent in Spain (1762-1770), this drawing is of par-
ticular significance. As was noted by the late Dr. Rudolf Berl iner some years ago, it is a study for the dedicatory frontispiece of a book on the ruins of Paestum by Paolantonio Paoli (Paesti quod Posidoniae etiam dice autraderam. Rovine della città di Pesto detta ancora Posidonia, Rome, 1784). Most of the material for the book was collected over a period of years, even decades, by Count Felice Gazola, an artillery general and amateur archaeologist, who became interested in Paestum when he was resident in Naples. However, like Tiepolo he spent the later years of his life in the service of Charles III in Spain and died there in 1780, four years before the appearance of the book on Paestum. From correspondence of the year 1761 preserved in Madrid, it is known that Gazola was intermediary in the arrangements for Tiepolo’s Spanish sojourn, and it seems likely that he personally ordered the design for the frontispiece of his projected book from the artist. The Spanish form of Tiepolo’s name in the inscription on the drawing suggests that the drawing was done some time after Tiepolo arrived in Spain, but by 1769 it was in the hands of the engraver Giovanni Volpato, who was working in Venice at that moment (see G. B. Verci, Notizie intorno alla vita e alle opere de’ pittri, scultori e intagliatori della città di Bassano, Venice, 1775, pp. 305, 307). Preserved with the drawing is an early state of the engraved frontispiece that differs in several details from the version in the book itself. The dedicatory inscription to Charles III is in Italian, and Count Gazola is specifically named as the dedicatee, whereas only Paoli’s initials appear in the Latin dedication of the frontispiece in the book. The face of the portrait bust of Charles III has also been changed in the engraving in the book so that the gaze is more nearly frontal, but otherwise the plate appears unaltered.

Dr. Berliner’s notes, which Dr. Wunder states that he followed when he published the drawing, refer to an edition of the book published at Bassano in 1770, but it has not been possible to trace such an early edition. Dr. Pignatti reports that it is not in the library at Bassano where one might expect to find it.

Tiepolo’s design was in the main followed in the engraving, which is in the same direction as the drawing, but there are a certain number of changes, chiefly in the ornamentation of the pedestal and the disposition of the symbols of the arts and of war.

PROVENANCE: Erskine Hewitt.

BIBLIOGRAPHY: Wunder, Extravagant Drawings, no. 69, repr.


Cooper–Hewitt Museum, Smithsonian Institution Bequest of Erskine Hewitt, 1938–57–219

151 Portrait of Palma Giovane

Red chalk, heightened with white, on blue paper. 9 1/4 x 6 inches (23.5 x 15.2 cm.). Stains at margins.

Sir Karl Parker was the first to identify the subject of this drawing. It is a copy by Giambattista Tiepolo of the portrait bust of the late sixteenth–century Venetian painter Jacopo Palma, Il Giovane, by his contemporary, the sculptor Alessandro Vittoria. Vittoria’s original, which is now in the Kunsthistorisches Museum in Vienna (illustrated in K. E. Maisson’s article), or a plaster cast thereof must have been on hand in the Tiepolo studio, for Giambattista and his sons Domenico and Lorenzo made a number of drawings after the bust, studying it from many angles. Maisson recently published fourteen of these studies, and on the basis of the quality of these sheets, attributed five of them, including the present drawing, Mr. Scholz’s drawing (No. 152), a drawing in the Rasin collection, Milan, another at Princeton, and a sheet in the collection of Dr. Schralf in Zurich to Giambattista himself, one to Domenico, and all the rest to the much less talented younger son Lorenzo.

PROVENANCE: Hans Wendland, Lugano; sale, Berlin, Hermann Ball, Paul Graupe, April 24, 1934, no. 102; Tomas Harris, London.


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152 Portrait of Palma Giovane

Red chalk, heightened with white, on blue paper. 9 3/4 x 7 1/8 inches (24.6 x 18.1 cm.).

Inscribed in pen and brown ink at upper right corner, Tiepolo.

See No. 151.


Janos Scholz

Giovanni Battista or Domenico Tiepolo

153 Three Studies of Dogs, after Paolo Veronese

Black chalk, heightened with white chalk, on blue paper. 13 1/4 x 9 5/8 inches (33.3 x 25.1 cm.). Margins irregular; all four corners trimmed. Watermark: letters RO SA (see watermark no. 36).

Inscribed in pen and brown ink on verso, 80 X75. 12. No. 3103.

These three dogs' heads are, as Knox pointed out, copied from details in Paolo Veronese's Family of Darius before Alexander, now in the National Gallery, London, which could have been seen by the Tiepolos in Venice, probably in the Palazzo Pisani a S. Polo. The two spaniels appear at the extreme left of Veronese's composition; the dog seen in profile at the lower right of the sheet appears at the extreme right in the painting. That the Tiepolos should copy Veronese is hardly surprising. The work of the great sixteenth-century Venetian master had a predominant influence on the style of Giambattista. Like No. 154, this sheet formed part of a group of more than eight hundred drawings, largely chalk studies on blue paper, that appeared at the Bossi-Beyerlen sale in Stuttgart in 1882. Drawings from this source are identifiable by characteristic, cryptic code numbers inscribed in pen on the verso of the sheets (see Knox in Fogg catalogue, 1970, p. xiv).

These drawings were once attributed en bloc to Giambattista, but in recent years Tiepolo scholars have come to agree that the majority of the drawings, many of them literal copies after details in the painted work of Giambattista, are the work of members of the Tiepolo studio, and above all Domenico. George Knox and others attribute Nos. 153 and 154 to Giambattista himself, on the grounds of the high quality of execution. They may indeed be his work, but the distinction between the chalk styles of father and son is far from clear for the present. No doubt Knox's forthcoming volume on the chalk drawings of the Tiepolos will very considerably clarify this complex question.

It should be added that the two spaniels studied in the present sheet appear, grouped exactly as they are in Veronese's painting, in an etching by Domenico inscribed Io. Bapta Tiepolo inv. et pinx. (Pignatti, Acqueforti dei Tiepolo, pl. lxv).

Hadeln, followed by Freedien and Lamb, suggested that these studies were utilized by Giambattista for a dog that appears in the Marriage of Barbarossa fresco in the Kaisersaal at Würzburg.

PROVENANCE: Johann Dominik Bossi; Karl Christian Friedrich Beyerlen; sale, Stuttgart, Gutekunst, March 27, 1882; Dr. Hans Wendland, Lugano; de Vries, Amsterdam; sale, Paris, Hotel Drouot, 1930, no. 66; Marquis de Biron, Paris and Geneva; purchased by the Metropolitan Museum in Geneva, 1937.

BIBLIOGRAPHY: Hadeln, Tiepolo Drawings, pl. 135 (as Giambattista); Freedien and Lamb, Würzburger Residenz, p. 105, pl. 45 (as Giambattista); George Knox, "The Paintings by G. B. Tiepolo," Burlington Magazine, CV, 1933, pp. 327ff., fig. 59 (as Giambattista).


The Metropolitan Museum of Art Rogers Fund, 37.165.53
154 Study of an Eagle

Black chalk, heightened with white chalk, on blue paper. 9 7/8 x 13 3/4 inches (25.1 x 34.9 cm.). Margins irregular; vertical creases at center. Watermark: letters RO SA (see watermark no. 36).

Inscribed in pen and brown ink on verso, 24 X no. 2938.

George Knox, who attributes this drawing to Giambattista Tiepolo, suggests that it is a study for the eagle that appears hovering in the sky in a ceiling decoration in the Palazzo Pisani-Moretta, Venice, dated by Morassi about 1742 (Morassi, 1962, fig. 259). The correspondence is indeed close, closer perhaps than to the eagle at the top of a standard in the Marriage of Barbarossa in the Kaisersaal, Würzburg. The connection with Würzburg had been suggested by Hadeln and was accepted by Freedon and Lamb.

PROVENANCE: Johann Dominik Bossi; Karl Christian Friedrich Beyerden; sale, Stuttgart, Gutekunst, March 27, 1882; Dr. Hans Wendland, Lugano; de Vries, Amsterdam; Marquis de Biron, Paris and Geneva; purchased by the Metropolitan Museum in Geneva, 1937.

BIBLIOGRAPHY: Hadeln, Tiepolo Drawings, pl. 136 (as Giambattista); Metropolitan Museum, European Drawings, no. 46, repr. (as Giambattista); Tietze, European Master Drawings, no. 90, repr.; Freedon and Lamb, Würzburger Residenz, p. 105, pl. 45 (as Giambattista); George Knox, “The Paintings by G. B. Tiepolo,” Burlington Magazine, CV, 1963, pp. 327ff., fig. 56 (as Giambattista).


The Metropolitan Museum of Art Rogers Fund, 37.165.109

155 Lagoon Capriccio

Pen and brown ink, gray wash. Faint architectural sketch in black chalk barely visible at left of sheet. 10 3/4 x 16 3/4 inches (25.8 x 41.1 cm.). Foxing.

Verso: Black chalk view of a Venetian canal.

This Venetian landscape is imaginary; Canaletto has combined in a capriccio a number of elements—a church, a farmhouse, a bridge, a ruined tower—that he may have seen and studied separately. Constable points out that the same church, campanile, and house appear in reverse in a painted capriccio in the Uffizi, which otherwise differs considerably from this drawing. The Uffizi picture, datable to the early 1740s, was once attributed to Bernardo Bellotto, but can be established as Canaletto’s on the basis of the inscription on Berardi’s engraving after the picture (see Constable, no. 485). On the verso of the drawing is a chalk sketch of a canal in Venice, possibly the Rio S. Barnaba.

PROVENANCE: Baron Dominique Vivant Denon (Lugt 779); Lady Sybil Grant; Miss Lucy Cohen; Earl of Rosebery; sale, London, Sotheby’s, May 28, 1941, no. 83; purchased by the Metropolitan Museum in New York, 1943.


The Metropolitan Museum of Art Rogers Fund, 45.61

156 Houses along a River

Pen and brown ink, over red chalk. 5 7/8 x 15 1/4 inches (14.1 x 38.7 cm.). Watermark: small circle with letters A C below at left, fragment of a fleur-de-lis at right (see watermark no. 35).

Inscribed in red chalk at left center, chiaro; at center, scuro tuto; at right, I 1/2 square; scattered letters, B and R.

This drawing and one in the Fogg Art Museum, Cambridge, which together form a continuous view of houses and gardens along the edge of a river, most likely the Brenta at Padua, show Canaletto as a topographer working directly on the scene. Very possibly he sketched in red chalk while working on the spot and later reaffirmed the preliminary chalk outlines in pen. The pen work is clearly revisory in certain passages: the rooftop indicated twice in red chalk at the upper left edge was let into the composition at the extreme left in
pen, the artist having used two short parallels to remind himself of the point of insertion; the adjoining tall house was then shifted considerably to the right of its original chalk outlines; at the far right, in the pen work, the last rooftop and its chimney were shifted to the left. The scattered letters B and R are color notations: B for bianco; R for rosso. The notation chiaro and scuro tutto are indications of lighted and shaded areas, which, like the color notations, were precisely followed in the painting.

From this true working sketch and its companion at the Fogg the artist developed the painting owned by Mark Oliver, London (Constable, fig. 377), and an etching (De Vesme 9), the latter being in reverse of the panorama formed by the two drawings. The scene of the Morgan drawing constitutes the left half of the painting. The approximate date of all these various works is established by the Fogg drawing, which is signed and dated on the verso 1742.

At Windsor, there are two more elaborately worked drawings that include the major features of the Morgan composition, the footbridge, the tall house, and the mill, but with an extension of the foreground showing the river and its opposite bank (repr., Parker, nos. 87 and 88).


The Pierpont Morgan Library
No. IV, 1414

157 The East Front of Warwick Castle

Pen and brown ink, gray wash. 12 3/4 x 22 1/4 inches (31.6 x 56.2 cm.). Vertical crease at center; slight foxing. Watermark: coat of arms (see watermark no. 8). Lined.

Constable suggests that this particularly brilliant drawn veduta probably dates from 1749, fairly early in Canaletto’s stay in England. The east front of Warwick Castle is seen from the exterior: at the left is Caesar’s Tower; at center the gateway, and behind it the Chalk Tower; at right is Guy’s Tower. A pendant drawing with approximately the same provenance and representing the interior of the east front seen from the courtyard was formerly in the collection of Sir George Leon, Bt. (repr. Constable, no. 760). It seems probable that the Lehman drawing served as a basis for the painting at Warwick Castle (repr. Constable, no. 446), though there are variations between the two.


Robert Lehman Collection

158 View of Padua from the East

Pen and brown ink, gray wash. 7 1/4 x 10 7/8 inches (18.4 x 27.6 cm.). Vertical crease at lower margin.

Conspicuous on the horizon in this drawn view are the church of S. Francesco on the left and to the right in the distance the Salone, Padua’s enormous civic meeting house. A similar view in pen but without the wash that so successfully unifies the present composition is in the Queen’s collection at Windsor Castle (repr. Constable, no. 686). The composition was engraved in reverse with some
additions and changes by Berardi. A free copy of this drawing by Antonio Canal's nephew Bernardo Bellotto, also called Canaletto, is in the present exhibition (No. 215).

PROVENANCE: William Benoni White (Lugt 2592).

BIBLIOGRAPHY: Constable, Canaletto, no. 681, repr.

EXHIBITIONS: Wellesley College, Jewett Arts Center, "Eighteenth Century Italian Drawings," 1960, no. 11, pl. 4.

Mrs. Douglas Williams

159 The South Pulpit in S. Marco

Pen and brown ink, over black chalk. 11 1/2 x 7 1/2 inches (29.2 x 19.1 cm.). Watermark: graduated triple crescents (see watermark no. 19).

Inscribed in pen and brown ink at lower right, 21; in black chalk on verso, Schizzo . . . original, di Anteo Canal, detto il Canaletto. V8V [?].

Canaletto pointed out that this is a preliminary sketch for the south pulpit as seen in the diagrammatic View of the Interior of S. Marco in the Victoria and Albert Museum, London, and in the very elaborate drawing of the same view in Hamburg (repr. Constable, nos. 559 and 558 respectively). This rapid notation made, no doubt, on the spot, may well be a page from one of Canaletto's sketchbooks.

PROVENANCE: Italico Brass, Venice.

BIBLIOGRAPHY: Constable, Canaletto, no. 360, repr.


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160 Architectural Capriccio

Pen and brown ink, gray wash, over black chalk. 9 5/8 x 13 3/4 inches (25.2 x 34.5 cm.). Vertical crease at center.

In his mature years Canaletto made a specialty of such architectural capricci, in which he crowded together buildings of the most disparate nature, transforming monuments he had seen in Venice, Rome, and England. Here the buildings are largely of Venetian inspiration, though the triumphal column at right is surely a Roman recollection.

This drawing was presumably not known by W. G. Constable at the time of the publication of his catalogue raisonné of Canaletto's work, for the drawing seems perfectly authentic and indeed entirely typical.

An architectural capriccio in the Metropolitan Museum (Constable, Canaletto, fig. 807) with Roman and Gothic elements is executed in the same broken, curly line and involves the same contrast of luminous gray wash with warm brown pen line.

Private Collection

161 Architectural Capriccio

Pen and brown ink, gray wash, over traces of black chalk. 11 1/4 x 8 inches (28.6 x 20.3 cm.). Several losses and creases at margins. Illegible watermark.

Inscribed, presumably in the hand of MacGowan, in pen and brown ink on verso, Canaletto / presented me by J. Hayes.

Verso: Black chalk architectural sketch.

Canaletto in his views of Venice was sometimes tempted to group together monuments that were actually situated far from one another. These capricci were very much to the taste of the time. Here he has given us a fairly accurate view of the Rio della Pietà in Venice, with the apse of the church of S. Lorenzo at the right. But to the left he has added an imaginary campanile and closed the composition with a nonexistent bridge.


PROVENANCE: J. Hayes; John MacGowan (Lugt 1496); Count Antoine Seilern, London.


János Scholz

162 Man Smoking a Pipe
Verso: Standing Gentleman and Two Studies of His Head

Pen and brown ink, over black chalk (recto and verso). 11 1/4 x 6 3/8 inches (29.5 x 16.2 cm.).

Inscribed in pen and the same ink as drawing at upper right of both recto and verso, 40/volta.

Very few preparatory drawings for the figures that stroll through Canaletto’s Venetian vedute have survived, and the male figures sketched on the verso of this sheet are not immediately identifiable in any extant picture. However, a very similar drawing at the Courtauld Institute in London, numbered in the same fashion as this drawing and possibly from the same dismembered sketchbook, bears a figure that occurs in a view of S. Giacomo di Rialto, datable about 1746, now in the National Gallery of Canada at Ottawa (repr. Canaletto, no. 839 for the Courtauld drawing, no. 298 for the Ottawa picture). Like the London drawing, this study is drawn in Canaletto’s most supple and meandering pen line.

PROVENANCE: Purchased by the Metropolitan Museum in New York, 1939.

BIBLIOGRAPHY: Metropolitan Museum, European Drawings, no. 35, repr. (recto); K. T. Parker, The Drawings of Canaletto in the Collection of His Majesty the King at Windsor Castle, Oxford and London, 1948, p. 26, note 37; Constable, Canaletto, p. 865, no. 840, repr. (recto and verso); Bean, 100 European Drawings, no. 45, repr. (recto).

The Metropolitan Museum of Art Purchase, Joseph Pulitzer Bequest, 39.79

Corrado Giaquinto
Molfetta 1699–Naples 1765

163 St. Joseph Presented by the Virgin to the Holy Trinity

Pen and brown ink, brown wash, heightened with white, over red chalk, on brownish paper. 10 5/8 x 15 3/8 inches (26.2 x 40.2 cm.). Several spots at right margin. Partially lined.

Inscribed in pen and brown ink at lower right, Corrado; in a different hand, Giaquinto; in pen and brown ink on verso, fatto p il Re di Sardegna di pali 43 – 28; numbered on verso, 100.

A study, as Anthony Clark pointed out, for the fresco that adorns the vault of a chapel designed by the architect Filippo Juvara in the church of S. Teresa in Turin. Giaquinto also supplied lateral canvases for this chapel representing the Rest on the Flight and the Death of St. Joseph (the three compositions repr. by Mario d’Orsi, Corrado Giaquinto, Rome, 1958, figs. 33–35). The work for this chapel dates from Giaquinto’s second visit to Turin, sometime between 1735 and 1739. The artist’s fluid style as a draughtsman reveals his considerable debt to his master Solimena.


The Metropolitan Museum of Art Rogers Fund, 65.131.7

164 The Relics of St. Acutius and St. Eutychetes Transported to Naples

Pen and black ink, gray wash, heightened with a little white, on pink paper. 17 5/8 x 11 1/4 inches (44.2 x 28.7 cm.).

Anthony Clark identified this drawing as a preparatory study for Giaquinto’s large canvas on the left wall of the apse of the Duomo in Naples, representing the transport from Pozzuoli to Naples of the relics of two of the six companions martyred at
Pozzuoli with St. Januarius, patron of Naples. The drawing differs in many details from both the preparatory oil sketch in the Musco Nazionale in Palermo (Mario d’Orsi, Corrado Giaquinto, Rome, 1958, fig. 72) and the finished picture, which was painted in 1744–1745 on the commission of the Cardinal Archbishop Giuseppe Spinelli. In comparison with the loose pictorial treatment of the previous Giaquinto drawing (No. 163), the present sheet is elaborately linear; both manners hark back to the example of Giaquinto’s teacher Solimena.


David Daniels

**Giovanni Antonio Guardi**

Vienna 1699–Venice 1760

165 *The Good Samaritan*

Pen and brown ink, brown wash, over black chalk; squared for transfer in black chalk. 13 7/8 × 9 1/4 inches (34.6 × 23.2 cm.).

Inscribed in pen and brown ink at lower right, Guardi; in pen and brown ink on verso, E [?] Ant. Guardi.

A fine, newly rediscovered example of Gianantonio’s idiosyncratic draughtsmanship. The light moves over the surface, animating the composition but not defining the forms. Byam Shaw suggests that the inscription Ant. Guardi on the verso of the sheet is the artist’s signature.


*The Metropolitan Museum of Art Rogers Fund, 69.171.2*

166 *The Taking of Padua*

Pen and point of brush, brown ink, brown wash. 21 1/4 × 30 3/4 inches (54.5 × 76.5 cm.). Watermark: large trefoil, letters A C.

Inscribed in pen and black ink at upper corner on verso, 13.

This exceptionally large sheet belongs to a series of drawings, all of similar scale, of Venetian historical subjects, once in the Morosini-Gatterburg collection but now scattered in various European and American collections. The largest group (37) is in the possession of Count Vittorio Cini of Venice; there is one drawing in the Cleveland Museum; and others are to be found in private ownership in Berlin, Milan, Paris, and elsewhere. The drawings are numbered on the verso in the order of their original sequence, the Morgan sheet bearing no. 13. The highest number known, according to Alessandro Bettagno (Disegni veneti del Settecento della Fondazione Giorgio Cini e delle collezioni venete, 1963, no. 37) is 58.

As was pointed out by Giuseppe Fiocco, in *Le tre Venezie*, 1944, the drawings are not Gianantonio Guardi’s original compositions but are based, for the most part, on paintings in the Ducal Palace in Venice or on canvases in the S. Marco cycle decorating the Scuola del Santo. (See also Antonio Morassi, “A Signed Drawing by Antonio Guardi and the Problem of the Guardi Brothers,” *Burlington Magazine*, XCV, 1953, p. 267, note 19.) The Morgan drawing records the *Taking of Padua* by Francesco Bassano, one of the oval panels in the ceiling of the Sala dello Scrutinio in the Palazzo Ducale in Venice, usually dated 1583–1584. The conquest took place in 1405.

**Provenance:** Richard S. Davis; purchased by the Morgan Library in Boston, 1969.

**Bibliography:** Pignatti, Disegni veneziani, under no. 21; Pignatti, Disegni dei Guardi, under no. IX.

**Exhibitions:** Houston, Guardi Family, 1958, no. 28, repr.

*The Pierpont Morgan Library Gift of the Fellows, 1969.5*

167 *The Martyrdom of St. Clement*

Brush and brown wash, over black chalk. 16 5/8 × 10 1/8 inches (42.2 × 26.5 cm.). Vertical and horizontal creases at center; various spots and stains. Watermark: single crescent.

Numbered in pen and black ink on verso, 2548. Collector’s mark of Janos Scholz on verso (Lugt S. 2933b).

The name of Gianantonio Guardi was first associated with this drawing by Otto Benesch, who pub-
lished it in 1947; in the Platt collection it had been attributed to Domenico Tiepolo. Benesch, however, hesitated between Gianantonio and the young Francesco Guardi. Pallucchini sustained the attribution to Gianantonio and pointed out as well that this drawing is a free copy of a lost picture by Giovanni Battista Pittoni, known today through a bozzetto preserved at the University of Upsala. Gianantonio was eclectic in his borrowing, and he dissolved the more solid forms that he imitated by the light that flickers over the surface of the composition.

PROVENANCE: Dan Fellows Platt (Lugt S. 750a).


Janos Scholz

168 The Education of the Virgin

Red chalk. 16 1/4 x 10 3/4 inches (41 x 26.4 cm.). Lower left corner replaced; paper yellowed at edges; some yellow and gray stains at upper left.

Inscribed in pen and brown ink at lower left, [da] Gianbattista Tiepolo Veneziano.

Verso: Sketch in red chalk of draped seated figure.

Here the draughtsman, very plausibly identified by Pignatti as Gianantonio Guardi, has freely copied Gianbattista Tiepolo’s early altarpiece of the Chiesa della Fava, Venice (Morassi, 1955, pl. 16). The inscription on the sheet in the “Reliable Venetian Hand,” which seems to attribute the drawing to Giambattista himself, is incomplete; the lower left corner of the sheet has been cut off, and it is safe to assume that the missing word was da (from or after). The knowledgeable Venetian collector, who possessed a number of copies of pictures and drawings, surely realized that this drawing was after, rather than for Giambattista’s picture. Recently Fernanda de’ Maffei has made the rather fanciful suggestion that the drawing is by the Austrian painter Franz Anton Maulbertsch.

PROVENANCE: “Reliable Venetian Hand” (Lugt 30050d); Sir Robert Mond; Mrs. David Thomas, New York.


EXHIBITIONS: Venice, Guardi Exhibition, 1965, no. 8, repr.

Dr. Donald Tappey

Bartolomeo Nazari

Chlusone (near Bergamo) 1699–Milan 1738

169 Portrait of Giovanni Paolo Rovillio

Black and white chalk, brush and black wash, on dark brown paper. 11 1/4 x 8 1/4 inches (28.6 x 21 cm.). Horizontal piece cut and reattached to sheet near lower margin; slight crease at upper right corner.

Inscribed in pen and black ink on frame surrounding portrait, IOH. PETRUS ROUIILLIO A CAD. 1745. F. JUNII TRANSFORMAT. RESTRIT.

One of nine portrait drawings in the Scholz collection that come from an album bearing the proprietary inscription Familia Agudia e Sormani, indicating a Lombard provenance. Nazari was successfully active as a portrait painter and draughtsman in Venice and throughout north Italy; his portraits have a realistic directness that reflects his early training with his fellow Bergamask Fra Galgario. These portrait drawings had been attributed by a previous owner to Pietro Longhi, and it was Mr. Scholz who in 1947 correctly identified the artist as Nazari. A chalk portrait head of a man, from the same source, is in the collection of Walter C. Baker, New York.

PROVENANCE: Ferruccio Asta (Lugt S. 116a).

EXHIBITIONS: Oakland, Scholz Exhibition, 1960, no. 50.

Janos Scholz
Pietro Bracci  
Rome 1700–Rome 1773

170 Project for a Tomb

Pen and brown ink, brown and gray wash, heightened with a little white, over black chalk. 15¾ × 10½ inches (40 × 27 cm.). Slight foxing.

Signed in pen and brown ink at lower left, Petrus Bracci Rom. F.; inscribed in pen and red ink at base of tomb, Scala di Palmi Sei.

In this and the following drawing Bracci, one of the most inventive official sculptors in eighteenth-century Rome, proposes alternative solutions for the tomb of Cardinal Carlo Leopoldo Calcagnini, erected in 1746 in the church of S. Andrea delle Fratte, Rome, on the commission of the cardinal’s nephew and heir, Teofilo. No. 171 comes closest to the tomb as executed, where an allegorical female figure of History writes the cardinal’s name on an obelisk supported by two lions and ornamented by a painted portrait of the deceased (Rudolf Wittkower, Art and Architecture in Italy, 1600–1750, second rev. ed., Baltimore, 1965, pl. 168A).


The Metropolitan Museum of Art  
Purchase, Florence and Carl Selden Foundation Gift, 66.339.2

Luigi Vanvitelli  
Naples 1700–Caserta 1773

172 Stage Design: Architectural Perspective with an Obelisk

Pen and gray ink, gray wash, over traces of black chalk. 9⅞ × 10½ inches (23.2 × 26.4 cm.). Foxing; hole at upper right; pen sketch on verso visible at upper right of recto.

Verso: Sketch in pen and brown ink of columns; black chalk sketch of columns and niche figures.

Luigi Vanvitelli, architect son of the Dutch-born painter of Italian views Gaspar van Wittel, was the designer of the palace of the Bourbon kings of the Two Sicilies at Caserta near Naples, a vast structure intended to rival Versailles in scale and magnificence. He not only was responsible for the overall exterior design of the palace but undertook the decoration of a number of interior areas, such as the splendid staircase and the interior of the theater. The present spirited sketch is a design for a stage set to be used in this theater. The identification is made possible by a drawing in the Metropolitan Museum that shows the proscenium arch of the theater framing a stage setting that involves the same obelisk at the end of a perspective view. The Metropolitan Print Department drawing (64.669.4) is inscribed: Coupe sur la Largeur D C du petit Théâtre du Palais de Caserte qui fait voir la Scène; it is one of four drawings in the Museum, probably from the hand of a studio assistant, recording Vanvitelli’s schemes for the interior architecture of the theater. If the drawings in the Metropolitan reveal, in their rather dry correctness, the hand of a studio assistant, Mr. Oenslager’s design for the stage setting is dashed off with a speed and authority that identify it as the work of Vanvitelli himself.

PROVENANCE: Edmond Fatio, Geneva (his mark at lower right).


Donald Oenslager

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Carlo Marchionni
Rome 1702–Rome 1786

173 Doorway Surmounted by the Albani Arms
Pen and brown ink, gray and brown wash, over black chalk. 15 5/8 × 7 5/8 inches (40.7 × 19.6 cm.). Watermark: letters I V.

Between 1746 and 1763 the architect Carlo Marchionni erected for Cardinal Alessandro Albani, the greatest art patron of his day, a sumptuous villa outside the Porta Salaria in Rome, intended principally to house the cardinal’s remarkable collection of ancient sculpture. Rudolf Berliner has identified the drawing, one of twelve projects by Marchionni for the villa in the Cooper–Hewitt Museum, as a design for a doorway to the Grand Gallery of the villa—a splendid room on the ceiling of which Mengs painted his celebrated Parnassus.

The Albani arms, three monticules surmounted by a star, are conspicuously present above the door, where two figures have been introduced in order to suggest scale.

PROVENANCE: Giovanni Piancastelli (no mark, see Lugt S. 2078a); Mr. and Mrs. Edward Brandegee (no mark, see Lugt S. 1860c).


Cooper–Hewitt Museum, Smithsonian Institution 1938–88–486

Pietro Longhi
Venice 1702–Venice 1783

174 Venetian Senator
Black and white chalk, on brown paper. 13 × 8 3/4 inches (33.1 × 22.1 cm.). Lined.

Inscribed in graphite at lower left corner, Longhi; at lower center on verso, 3.

With one exception, students of eighteenth-century Venetian art have been generally inclined to classify this drawing as the work of Pietro Longhi, to whom it was assigned by Fairfax Murray at the beginning of the century. Vittorio Moschini, in a dissenting opinion, suggests that it is from the hand of Pietro’s son Alessandro, doubtless having in mind, in addition to the Pisani portrait, that of Angelo Memmo I dated 1770, in the Museo Correr (repr. Pignatti, Il Museo Correr a Venezia, no. 1399). While it is true that certain similarities in costume and pose are to be observed, the fact remains that so little is known of Alessandro’s style as a draughtsman that it seems desirable to retain the drawing under the name of Pietro, with whose general handling of black and white chalks on brown paper it is compatible. Curiously, the figure also displays the somewhat diminutive stature that one observes in many of the personages of Pietro’s paintings, although as a rule the related preparatory drawings tend to show the figures in taller guise. The Library’s Venetian senator in his periwig and robes, with his stole or “flappe” over his left shoulder, does not seem to bear any relation to the drawing of two senators in the Museo Correr (Pignatti, Longhi, p. 127, pl. 140).


EXHIBITIONS: New York, Tiepolo Exhibition, 1938, no. 58.

The Pierpont Morgan Library
No. IV, 142

175 Pastoral Landscape
Red chalk, red wash. 10 5/8 × 15 1/2 inches (27 × 39.2 cm.). Watermark: three graduated crescents.

Inscribed in pen and black ink at lower right in an eighteenth-century hand, Petri Longhi Auctographum; in black chalk at lower center, dal pier. . . .

Verso: Landscape with cart disappearing over a hill, in black chalk.

Without the presence of the eighteenth-century inscription at the lower right edge of the sheet,
Pietro Longhi might not readily have come to mind as its designer. But given this clue, the student realizes that the types and groups are not inconsistent with the early phase of Longhi’s development, when he painted a series of rustic genre scenes under the influence of his master, Giuseppe Maria Crespi; in Le Lavanduie of the Ca’ Rezzonico, Venice, for example, the girl wearing a hat suggests the young maid in the central group of the Morgan composition. The identical inscription occurs on a number of entirely characteristic drawings, in the Print Room at Berlin (Pignatti, Longhi, figs. 301–307), which are executed in black and white chalk like those in the Museo Correr, where by far the largest single collection of Longhi’s drawings is preserved. The same inscription is also found on a Longhi drawing owned by Mr. Brinsley Ford (Pignatti, Longhi, fig. 308), and the same hand inscribed a number of Tiepolo drawings as autographum (see Fogg, Tiepolo Exhibition, 1970, nos. 1 and 2). Further evidence for Pietro’s authorship of this bucolic scene is afforded by the rapid compositional sketch outlined in black chalk on the verso, which offers a kind of stylistic bridge to his usual manner of drawing.

Such compositional studies are rare in Longhi’s surviving oeuvre; another, a Woman at the Bed of Her Husband, is illustrated by Pignatti in his 1968 monograph as fig. 56.


The Pierpont Morgan Library Gift of the Fellows, 1950.10

Francesco Zuccarelli
Pitigliano (Tuscany) 1702–Florence 1788

176 Landscape with a Lake and Horseman
Pen and brown ink, brown and gray wash, heightened with white, over black chalk. 11 5/8 × 18 3/4 inches (29.5 × 46.2 cm.). Lined.
Inscribed in pen and brown ink on mount, Zucharelli; in pen and brown ink on verso, C.A.S. from L.S. 1855; numbered in pen and brown ink on verso, No. 19–4–1–6, Lot 10–4.

Zuccarelli, Tuscan by birth and Florentine and Roman in training, was in Venice by about 1730. There he set up as a specialist in idyllic, pastoral landscapes, either painted or drawn. The drawn landscapes, like the present fine example, were clearly produced as works of art in themselves, not as preparatory studies for paintings. Zuccarelli’s European reputation was considerable, and he spent off and on some fifteen years in England, becoming a founding member of the Royal Academy in 1768.

Other similar wash landscapes by Zuccarelli are in the Metropolitan Museum and in the collection of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Whitridge.


Janos Scholz

177 Country Party with Girl in a Swing
Pen and brown ink, brown and a little gray wash. 13 × 13 inches (39.1 × 33.7 cm.). Horizontal creases at center; several spots of gray wash. Letters that do not form words stamped in black ink at lower margin.

Numbered in pen and brown ink on verso, g. 200 no. 32; various other numbers and inscriptions on verso.

Verso: Tracing in pen and brown ink of pipe-smoking figure at left on recto.

Zuccarelli, who was eclectic in his borrowings from Italian and Northern examples, here does an exercise in a Netherlandish vein. The figures might have stepped out of a picture by Adrien Brouwer, but Zuccarelli invests the scene with eighteenth-century pastoral poetry.

Janos Scholz

178 Landscape

Pen and brown ink, brown wash, over black chalk. 10 3/4 x 16 3/4 inches (27.3 x 42.3 cm.). Several small stains.

In such a landscape with its familiar components of castle, arched bridge, distant mountains, and pastoral staffage, Zuccarelli registers the influence of Marco Ricci in light, dilute form. There are also examples of Zuccarelli’s less well known figure style in the Morgan collection (Inv. IV, 143a).


The Pierpont Morgan Library
No. IV, 143b

Pompeo Girolamo Batoni
Lucca 1708—Rome 1787

179 Studies for the “Fall of Simon Magus”

Red chalk with faint traces of white chalk, squared in red chalk. 12 3/4 x 9 3/4 inches (30.7 x 22.2 cm.). Cut and re-attached at lower right; oil stain along lower edge. Watermark: fleur-de-lis in a circle, surmounted by the letter A.

Signed at lower right in pen and brown ink, Pompeo Batoni; inscribed at upper left in pen and red ink, N3851.

The largest and perhaps most important painting produced by Batoni—Mengs’s chief rival in Rome—who is probably best known for his portraits of princes and grand tourists, is the Fall of Simon Magus (Hermann Voss, Die Malerei des Barock in Rom, Berlin, 1924, pl. 411), which he completed in 1761. The painting was originally intended for St. Peter’s, where it was to have been translated into mosaic, but, despite repeated revisions by the artist, it was declared unsuitable and assigned to S. Maria degli Angeli, where it still remains. The present sheet, a study for St. Paul and another figure on the left of the painting, demonstrates the painstaking manner in which the artist prepared his pictures. In many instances he devoted a study to each figure and in addition separately worked out details of anatomy in the manner of the great Renaissance draughtsmen, notably Raphael, whom he particularly admired. Another drawing in the Morgan Library, which Fairfax Murray assigned to Domenichino (Inv. IV, 166), was identified some years ago by Anthony Clark as Batoni’s study for the head of the frightened woman at the far right of the middle ground of the same painting. Clark states that the numbers in red ink at the upper left are frequently found on Batoni’s drawings.


The Pierpont Morgan Library
Gift of the Fellows, 1965-67

Paolo Posi
Siena 1708—Rome 1776

180 Design for the China of 1760: Chinoiserie

Pen and brown ink, brown, gray, and pinkish-brown wash. 16 1/4 x 22 3/4 inches (40.9 x 56.5 cm.). Lined.

Signed in pen and brown ink at lower right of border, Paolo Posi Architetto; inscribed in pen and brown ink in border, Prospetto della Seconda Machina rappresentante una Deliziosa all’uso cinese. Eretta per commando di Sua Eccellenza il Sig. DON LORENZO COLONNA Gran [Contestabile del Regno di Napoli & e. come Ambasciatore straordinario di S. M. il RE’ della due Sicilie & e. la sera delle 29. Giugno 1760. Festa di Gloriosi Santi | Apostoli PIETRO, e PAOLO in occasione d’avere presentata la China alla Sanità di Nostro Signore PAPA CLEMENTE XIII.

Up to 1855, the festival known as the China was celebrated each year in Rome on June 29, the day of the feast of the Apostles Peter and Paul. The China itself was the white mule annually presented to the pope in the name of the king of Naples by the Grand Constable of Naples, always a member of the Colonna family. This ceremonial observance originated in the thirteenth century, when Charles
of Anjou accepted the kingdom of the Two Sicilies as a fief of the Church. To mark the occasion a great pyrotechnical machine was set up in the Piazza dei SS. Apostoli in front of the Palazzo Colonna. After the display of fireworks, the machine, an elaborate construction of wood, canvas, and stucco, was itself consumed in a final blaze to the accompaniment of recitations and music.

In the decades of the 1750s and 1760s, the architect Paolo Posi was one of the most fertile inventors of the machines for the Chinese fête. This deliziosa all’uso cinese represents the seconda machina erected for the celebration on June 29, 1760, when Don Lorenzo Colonna presented his tribute to Pope Clement XIII; the drawing showing the prima machina, The Temple of Neptune, is also in the Morgan Library. Both drawings were engraved by Giuseppe Vasi.


The Pierpont Morgan Library Gift of the Fellows, 1962.8

Giuseppe Valeriani
Rome 1708–St. Petersburg 1762

182 Design for the Decoration of a Dome with God the Father in a Trompe-l’Oeil Opening; Three Virtues in Panels

Pen and brown ink, gray wash, and watercolor, over lead. 12 3/4 × 8 3/8 inches (31.9 × 22.7 cm.). Slight foxing; vertical crease in center. Watermark: graduated triple crescents (Heawood 867).

Inscribed on verso, in pen, No 58 and in lead, di Giuseppe Valeriani Roub, followed by figure 4 in pen.

This bright watercolor rendering and two others for the same project come from the Leuchtenberg album of architectural and theatrical drawings belonging to the late Edmond Fatio, which was broken up following the sale of his collection in Geneva in 1959. The album, consisting chiefly of drawings by the Italian painter Giuseppe Valeriani, seems to have been compiled in the late eighteenth century in Russia where Valeriani—along with his brother Domenico—settled in 1742 to become the favorite painter and theatrical designer of the Empress Elisabeth Petrovna. The Library’s drawings were apparently part of a program for the decoration of a
church dome, one solution envisioning, according to the inscriptions, a division of the dome into eight sections and another a scheme for twelve sections. Romans by birth, the brothers Valeriani were also active in Venice and Turin at an early date; in this connection it is interesting to note that this sheet bears the familiar Venetian triple crescent watermark. The Library also owns a fourth drawing from the Leuchtenberg album, the Mars and Venus, given by David E. Rust in 1961. For the location of the drawings and letters of the artist in Russia, see Disegni veneti del Museo di Leningrado (exhibition catalogue by Larissa Salmina), Venice, Fondazione Giorgio Cini, 1964, under no. 85. The inscription on the verso, Rouh, may refer to roubles.

PROVENANCE: Due G. N. de Leuchtenberg; Edmond Fatio; purchased by the Morgan Library in London, 1959.


The Pierpont Morgan Library
Gift of the Fellows, 1959.20

Giuseppe Zocchi
Florence 1711–Florence 1767

184 View of Florence along the Arno from the Porta a S. Niccolò

Pen and black ink, gray wash, over black chalk. 19⁷⁄₈ × 26¹⁄₂ inches (46.6 × 67.5 cm.). Watermark: coat of arms (fleur-de-lis in a shield, surmounted by a crown [Heawood 1803]).

Inscribed on mount, in pen and brown ink, Veduta di una parte di Firenze presa fuori della Porta a S. Niccolò presso al Fiume Arno.

Less well known and more modestly gifted than the great vedutists of Venice and Rome, Zocchi nevertheless pleasingly recorded the image of eighteenth-century Florence and its environs at the same time that Canaletto and Guardi were painting the celebrated vistas of their native city and Piranesi was glorifying the Rome of his adoption in his etchings. At the commission of the Marchese Andrea Gerini, Zocchi produced the designs for two series of etchings, one devoted to views of the city of Florence and the other to the Tuscan villas. Both the Scelte di XXIV vedute delle principali contrade, piazze, chiese, e palazzi della città di Firenze and the Vedute delle ville e d’altri luoghi della Toscana were first published in 1744 and reissued in 1754. The preparatory drawings, both series of which are in the Morgan Library, are executed on the full scale of the prints and in the same direction, with painstaking rendering of all details. Zocchi himself etched only two plates in their entirety, although he was responsible for the figures in a number of others; the rest were divided among numerous Italian graphic artists and several Germans.

As might be expected, six of the twenty-four Florentine views are taken along the Arno’s two-mile course through the city. Here the draughtsman views the north bank with the square tower of the Old Mint (now destroyed) at the far right and the procession of familiar landmarks, the dome of the Cathedral, the Campanile, the apse of S. Croce, the upper section of Orsanmichele, and the lofty spire of the Palazzo Vecchio. The passengers in the ferry boat have a view of the Ponte alle Grazie and beyond a glimpse of the Ponte Vecchio.

Giovanni Battista Marcola
Verona 1711–Verona 1780

183 The Head of Pompey Brought to Caesar

Pen and brown ink, brown wash, over black chalk. 11¹⁄₄ × 17¹⁄₂ inches (30.3 × 44.6 cm.). Several spots; small creases at corners and margins.

Unidentified collector’s mark, AG, stamped in red at lower right.

Verso: Red chalk study of standing female figure.

A spirited example of the drawing style of this vigorous provincial master. G. B. Marcola often signed his drawings on the reverse of the sheet; here the signature is absent, but the draughtsmanship is characteristic of his. The sharp, beaklike noses of the figures are almost a signature.

Mr. Scholz possesses a further drawing by G. B. Marcola, and another typical sheet is in the Metropolitan Museum.

EXHIBITIONS: Venice, Scholz Exhibition, 1957, no. 88, repr.; Oakland, Scholz Exhibition, 1960, no. 46.

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Zocchi was also active as a painter, and from 1754 to 1760 he was the official designer for the manufactory of Pietre Dure, the popular “Florentine mosaic.”

**Provenance:** Mrs. J. P. Morgan, d. 1925.


*The Pierpont Morgan Library, Gift of Junius S. Morgan and Henry S. Morgan, 1952.30:6*

186 **Villa Palmieri, near Florence**

Pen and black ink, over black chalk. 10⅝×18 ¾ inches (27.8×47.1 cm.). Watermark: coat of arms (fleur-de-lis in a shield, surmounted by a crown [Heawood 1803]).

Inscribed on mount, in pen and brown ink, *Tre Visti Villa de SS.:i Palmieri al principio della Salita / di Fiesole.*

Sometimes thought to be the setting of Boccaccio’s *Decameron*, this villa situated among fine gardens on a slope below S. Domenico in Fiesole takes its name from a fifteenth-century owner, the writer Matteo Palmieri. On her first visit to Florence, Queen Victoria was the guest of the then owner, the Earl of Crawford.

More often than not, Zacchi dispenses with wash in the drawings of the villa series, achieving his effects solely with the pen as here and so more nearly approximating the appearance of the final print. The drawing was etched by Giuseppe Filosi as plate 39 of the *Vedute delle ville.*

**Provenance:** Mrs. J. P. Morgan, d. 1925.


*The Pierpont Morgan Library, Gift of Junius S. Morgan and Henry S. Morgan, 1952.30:66*

185 **Villa Poggio Imperiale, near Florence**

Pen and black ink, gray wash. 11×187/8 inches (28×48 cm.). Watermark: coat of arms (fleur-de-lis in a shield, surmounted by a crown [Heawood 1803]).

Inscribed on mount, in pen and brown ink, *La Real Villa, detta il Poggio Imperiale.*

Now a school for girls, the villa was in centuries past a favorite residence of the Medici, beginning with the Grand Duchess Maria Maddalena, wife of Cosimo II. Under her, the villa was enlarged about 1620 by Giulio Parigi, who was responsible for the design of the façade Zacchi set down in such faithful detail here. The villa now bears a nineteenth-century neoclassical front, but the sculptures of Jupiter and Atlas by Vincenzo de’ Rossi (1563) at the entrance of the circular wall are still to be seen. The drawing was etched by Zacchi as plate 1 of the *Vedute delle ville.*

**Provenance:** Mrs. J. P. Morgan, d. 1925.


*The Pierpont Morgan Library, Gift of Junius S. Morgan and Henry S. Morgan, 1952.30:28*

Francesco Guardi

Venice 1712–Venice 1793

187 **Virgin and Child Seated on Clouds**

Red chalk, on gray paper. 5¾×4¾ inches (14.3×11.8 cm.). Oil stains at upper right.

Inscribed in pen and brown ink at lower right, *Ricci.*

The old inscription, *Ricci,* is not surprising, for the physical types of the Virgin and the angels do indeed derive from the example of Sebastiano. However, Muraro has convincingly proposed that the drawing is in fact a typical example of the figure drawings of Francesco. We see Francesco’s debt to
his older brother, Gianantonio, in the flickering lighting of this group, although it is more solidly constructed than was Gianantonio’s wont. The chalk style here can be compared with that of a drawing of the Virgin and Child in the British Museum (Byam Shaw, Guardi, pl. 5).

PROVENANCE: James Jackson Jarves.

BIBLIOGRAPHY: Michelangelo Muraro, “An Altarpiece and Other Figure Paintings by Francesco Guardi,” Burlington Magazine, C, 1958, p. 7, fig. 20.


The Metropolitan Museum of Art
Gift of Cornelius Vanderbilt, 80.3.491

188 Four Studies of Gentlemen with Cloaks and Tricorne

Black chalk. Architectural details at top of the sheet are in pen and brown ink. 7 3/4 x 9 1/2 inches (18.4 x 24.1 cm.), sight.

Inscribed in pen and brown ink at lower right, Guardi; in pen and brown ink on verso, Guardi.

Verso: Studies for figures along a canal and on a bridge; to the right, a curtain and a stool (?), all in black chalk.

The figures on the recto are more elaborate and larger in scale than those in the sheet of pen macchietta (here exhibited No. 189), but the sketches on both recto and verso of this sheet are characteristic of Guardi. Byam Shaw has pointed out that the two figures on the right appear in the Earl of Iveagh’s painting, the Grand Canal below the Rialto.

PROVENANCE: Lady Harcourt, London.

BIBLIOGRAPHY: Byam Shaw, Guardi, no. 48, repr.; James Byam Shaw, “Guardi at the Royal Academy,” Burlington Magazine, XCII, 1955, p. 15, fig. 16 (the relevant detail of the Iveyagh picture, fig. 17).


Harry G. Sperling

189 Figure Studies

Pen and brown ink, brown wash, on blue paper. Paint black chalk sketch of a figure at lower left. 6 9/16 x 8 3/8 inches (16.3 x 21.8 cm.).

Signed in pen and brown ink at lower left, f. 30 Guardi.

Francesco Guardi was in the habit of making rapid abbreviated sketches of accessory figures—macchiette, as they are called—which he used over and over again to animate his painted views, whether realistic or imaginary. Byam Shaw has pointed out that the lady and gentleman at the lower right and the family group above both appear in a view of the Piazzetta with a crowd of senators, formerly in the Gutekunst collection (repr. Pantheon, I, 1928, opp. p. 87). The lady with her high feathered headdress (a feature that dates the sheet in the last dozen years of the painter’s activity) and her escort also appear in a picture at Bergamo and in another at the National Gallery in London. We encounter them again in another drawing at the Metropolitan Museum, a sketch for an architectural capriccio (37. 165.81; Goering, Guardi, pl. 113) and a drawing at the Victoria and Albert Museum (Byam Shaw, pl. 63). The present drawing is signed by the artist himself in characteristic fashion; a similar signature appears on another sheet of macchiette in the Metropolitan Museum (40.91.2; Byam Shaw, pl. 50).


BIBLIOGRAPHY: Metropolitan Museum of Art Bulletin, August 1940, p. 156; Byam Shaw, Guardi, no. 51, repr.; Bean, 100 European Drawings, no. 47, repr.

The Metropolitan Museum of Art
Gift of Harold K. Hochschild, 40.91.3

190 The Grand Canal above the Rialto

Verso: Priest Celebrating Mass and St. Vincent Ferrer

Pen and brown ink, brown wash, over black chalk (recto). Pen and brown ink, brown wash, over red chalk (verso). 16 1/8 x 28 3/4 inches (41 x 72.5 cm.). Three vertical creases at center. Watermark: monogram at left, bow and arrow (?) at right (see watermark no. 42).

Inscribed in pen and brown ink at lower right, Canal.

The veduta on the recto is a painstakingly accurate
view of the Grand Canal from the Fabbriche Nuove on the extreme left to the Palazzo Pesaro in the distance and including the campanile of S. Cassiano left of center. It is generally agreed to date from the early 1760s, when Francesco Guardi, previously a figure painter working under the direction of his elder brother Gianantonio, had begun to make a specialty of Venetian views. Francesco here, and in other large drawings of the same period, emulates Canaletto, whose early vedute were the point of departure for Guardi’s career as a painter of the Venetian scene. The drawing, minus the awning in the right foreground, served as the model for a picture in a private collection in London (R. Pallucchini, *La Pittura veneziana del Settecento*, Venice and Rome, 1960, fig. 637).

The two fine figure studies on the verso, which presumably also date from the early 1760s, testify to Francesco’s continuing interest in figure subjects. The St. Vincent Ferrer on the right may have been inspired by Giambattista Tiepolo’s representation of the saint (Morassi, 1962, fig. 173). A painted version of the St. Vincent as sketched on this sheet recently appeared on the London art market (Christie’s, July 2, 1965, no. 118, repr.).

**PROVENANCE:** Mylius, Genoa (according to J. P. Richter); J. P. Richter, London; purchased by the Metropolitan Museum in London, 1912.


*The Metropolitan Museum of Art Rogers Fund, 12.56.14*

**191 Ballad Singer on the Piazzetta**

Pen and brownish-black ink, over black chalk, on graybrown paper. 8 7/16 × 5 3/4 inches (21.2 × 13.5 cm.).

Inscribed in an old hand in brown ink at lower left, *Parte della Piazzetta e punta di S. Giorgio Maggiore.*

The ballad singer has set up his standard in front of Sansovino’s Libreria, to the right of which a bit of the Campanile is visible. To command such a view of the Piazzetta with the column of the Lion of St. Mark on the left and that of St. Theodore on the right, the draughtsman must have located himself on or near the steps of St. Mark’s. Two other drawings, one in the Albertina and one in the Louvre (Byam Shaw, *Guardi*, pls. 32, 33) show the Piazzetta from more or less the same vantage point but display different passersby. Here, the family groups of *macchiette*, gathered to watch the performance of the graceful singer, are highly expressive in the brevity of their execution, none more so than the fashionable woman in plumes standing with her child at the far right. For another representation of a ballad singer, see the painting from the Rohoncz collection attributed to the early Guardi by Max Goering (*Guardi*, pl. 34).

The inscription at the lower left is not, as Benesch stated, in the same ink as the drawing, and one is reluctant to regard it as more than a contemporary inscription when it is compared with the artist’s notation on No. 208. Guardi is known to have used papers of various qualities, including rough-textured sheets like this one.

**PROVENANCE:** Charles Fairfax Murray; purchased by J. Pierpont Morgan in London, 1910.

**BIBLIOGRAPHY:** Benesch, *Venetian Drawings*, no. 57, repr.


*The Pierpont Morgan Library*  
No. 1, 78e

**192 View of S. Marco**

Pen and brown ink, brown wash. 9 7/8 × 8 1/2 inches (24.5 × 21.6 cm.). Slight foxing.

This view of the principal façade of S. Marco treats the most Venetian of all Venetian subjects. The same brittle pen work, contrasted with pale, transparent brown wash, more sparingly applied, is to be found in another more extensive view of the façade,
now in the Ashmolean Museum (Byam Shaw, Guardi, pl. 34).


The Metropolitan Museum of Art Rogers Fund, 12.56.15

193 Panorama from the Bacino di S. Marco

Pen and brown ink, brown wash, over traces of black chalk. 13 7/8 × 26 3/8 inches (34.9 × 67.6 cm.). Support composed of two sheets joined vertically at center; crease at lower right corner. Watermark: letter A at right, three stars above the letters F V at left (see watermark no. 44). Lined.

A remarkably extensive panorama, which, as Byam Shaw points out, is certainly wider than the artist’s eye could have encompassed in a single focus. He suggests that it was based, as far as the architectural background is concerned, on three separate drawings, two of which have survived, one in the National Gallery of Canada, the other in the Fogg Museum of Art. These three views would have been drawn by the artist in a boat on the Bacino, in front of S. Giorgio Maggiore.

Guardi has animated the foreground with two sailing barges and several decorated festival gondolas (bissone), from which spectators watch gondolas race up the Giudecca Canal.

PROVENANCE: Lady Catherine Ashburnham, Battle, Sussex; Ashburnham sale, London, Sotheby’s, June 24, 1953, no. 54, pl. 13.

BIBLIOGRAPHY: Byam Shaw, Guardi, no. 27, repr.; Pignatti, Disegni dei Guardi, no. LXXI, repr.


Robert Lehman Collection

194 The Stairway of the Giants

Pen and brown ink, brown wash, over red chalk. 10 7/8 × 7 3/8 inches (26.4 × 18.6 cm.). Pricked for transfer.

Though this rapid and brilliant pen sketch has all the air of an architectural capriccio, it is a fairly accurate view—by Guardi’s standards—of the Scala dei Giganti in the courtyard of the Palazzo Ducale in Venice. The principal architectural features of the staircase and of the arcaded courtyard have been recorded by the draughtsman, but Jacopo Sansvino’s giant statues of Mars and Neptune at the top of the stairs have been transformed into twisting draped figures in a rococo manner. The cloaked figures ascending the staircase, jotted down in the most abbreviated fashion, add an even more decisively “contemporary” note to the scene. The style of the drawing suggests that it is a fairly late work by Guardi. A drawing of the Scala d’Oro in the Palazzo Ducale, again with variants to suit the taste of the draughtsman, is in the Museo Correr in Venice (Byam Shaw, Guardi, pl. 58), and the Metropolitan Museum has another drawing of figures on a staircase that seems to be entirely a creation of the artist’s fantasy (37.165.72).

PROVENANCE: Marquis de Biron, Paris and Geneva; purchased by the Metropolitan Museum in Geneva, 1937.

BIBLIOGRAPHY: Benesch, Venetian Drawings, no. 59, repr.; Bean, 100 European Drawings, no. 48, repr.

The Metropolitan Museum of Art Rogers Fund, 37.165.85

195 The Bucintoro off S. Niccolò di Lido

Pen and brown ink, brown wash, over black chalk, on two sheets of paper, pasted together, the larger of which is the reverse of an engraving by Carlo Orsolini inscribed: Sacrum Convivium. Indistinct black chalk sketch of architecture in opposite direction at upper left corner. 14 5/8 × 31 7/8 inches (37.1 × 81 cm.). Foxing throughout sheet. Watermark: graduated triple crescents and the word MEZANA below (see watermark no. 17). Verso: Sketch of street scene in pen and brown ink by Giacomo Guardi; black chalk sketches of gondoliers.

Among the fêtes of eighteenth-century Venice, none was more magnificent than the Festa della “Sensa,” the Festival of the Ascension, when the
Marriage of the City of Venice and the Adriatic was celebrated in commemoration of the conquest of Dalmatia by Doge Pietro Orseolo II about the year 1000. None recorded the spectacle more often nor more brilliantly than Guardi. This large compositional sketch for a painting of the early 1780s, in the possession of Alessandro Brass, Venice, shows the return of the doge from the Lido where, until 1789, he annually performed the traditional ceremony of tossing a consecrated ring into the sea.

Working swiftly with staccato pen and fluent brush, Guardi encompasses the full sweep of the picturesque marine fête. The doge’s gilded state barge, Il Bucintoro, with a state galley and a cluster of gondolas, lies opposite the church of S. Niccolò di Lido, silhouetted in the center distance; far right, a man-of-war offers a salute of gunfire, and in the foreground a graceful two-masted state galley, flags flying, moves after the Bucintoro; from the left, comes a flotilla of decorated craft with the Island of S. Elena faintly distinguishable in its unfinished black chalk outlines in the distance.

The street scene on the verso is by Francesco’s son Giacomo, who in several other instances is known to have sketched on the backs of his father’s drawings. In fact, as Byam Shaw pointed out, there are even motifs connected with the Brass painting and the Morgan drawing on the backs of Francesco’s drawings in Rotterdam and Vienna, suggesting that the father used his apprentice son to make such studies in completion of details like the Island of S. Elena.

Nos. 196 and 197 show other views of the famous marine spectacle.

PROVENANCE: Dubois; David David-Weill; purchased by the Morgan Library in New York, 1947.


The Pierpont Morgan Library 1947.2

196 The Bucintoro on the Way to the Lido on Ascension Day

Pen and brown ink, brown wash, over traces of black chalk, 16 1/4 x 27 3/4 inches (42.6 x 70.2 cm.), sight. Foxing; vertical crease at center; stains at left margin.

Inscribed in pen and brown ink at lower left, S. Nicolo de Lido D. 1 S. Servolo D. 3 malamoco D. 5 / S. Lasaro D. 2 Chiozza D. 4 e.

Unlike the preceding sheet, this broad panorama of the Ascension Day sea fête is finished in every detail as befits the independent work of art it was designed to be. It shows the Bucintoro somewhat more distant from S. Niccolò di Lido, which is at the far left. A topographical key at the lower left margin enables the spectator to identify the islands silhouetted along the horizon.

Byam Shaw remarked that although the drawing corresponds very closely to one of a pair of paintings, formerly in the collection of Lord Shuttleworth but now belonging to Senator Mario Crespi, Milan, its relationship is not that of a preparatory study but of the repetition of a composition. He suggested that if it was not made for the portfolio of an amateur, it may have been done with an engraving in mind, hence the inclusion of the topographical key. The drawing is a late work.


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197 The Bucintoro

Pen and brown ink, brown and red-brown wash. 4 3/4 x 9 3/4 inches (11.9 x 24 cm.). Slight foxing. Watermark: crescent (see watermark no. 12).

Verso: Pen sketch of the same subject.

The lively immediacy of this small sketch is such that one feels it could have been done as Guardi watched the great state barge row by, with flashing oars, in all its golden splendor. On the verso, he made another swift notation of the Bucintoro moving to the right in the midst of a swarm of gondolas (repr. Benesch, no. 67). There is another sketch of the Bucintoro’s progress in the same stenographic
style in the Fogg Art Museum. Both sheets may have come from a sketchbook as they are the same size. The Bucintoro that Guardi drew was the last of its kind; launched in 1729, it was destroyed by the French for its gold after the fall of the Venetian Republic in 1797.

PROVENANCE: Purchased by the Metropolitan Museum in London, 1919.

BIBLIOGRAPHY: Mongan and Sachs, Drawings in the Fogg Museum, under no. 317; Benesch, Venetian Drawings, no. 67, repr. (verso); Byam Shaw, Guardi, no. 52, repr.; Moschini, Guardi, pl. 181 (verso); Carlo L. Ragghianti, "Epiloghi Guardeschi," Annali della Scuola Normale Superiore di Pisa, XXIII, 1953, no. 31, repr. (verso); Pignatti, Disegni dei Guardi, under no. lx.

The Metropolitan Museum of Art Rogers Fund, 19.151.2

198 Dice Players in a Venetian Square

Pen and brown ink, brown wash, over traces of black chalk. 14 3/4 x 10 9/16 inches (37.6 x 26.8 cm.). Watermark: graduated triple crescents (see watermark no. 14).

A street scene in a rather deserted part of the city with two figures involved in what may be a dice game. In the background is a typical, if unidentified, Venetian Gothic church. The composition was used almost exactly by Francesco in a picture now in the Loyd Collection at Lockinge, Berkshire, as Leslie Parris has pointed out.

PROVENANCE: Alfred Beurdeley (Lugt 421); Marquis de Biron, Paris and Geneva; purchased by the Metropolitan Museum in 1919.


EXHIBITIONS: New York, Tiepolo Exhibition, 1938, no. 64, repr.

The Metropolitan Museum of Art Rogers Fund, 37.165.70

This capriccio, like No. 200 and a third drawing in the Metropolitan Museum (37.165.80; repr. New York, Tiepolo Exhibition, 1938, no. 62) all represent palace courtyards that differ conspicuously from the great courtyard of the Palazzo Ducale in Venice. The first two drawings include flights of stairs inspired by the Scala dei Giganti, the most conspicuous feature of that courtyard, but the architectural details and the proportions of the court are conspicuously altered. This is typical of what can be justly called Guardi's capriccio method. He transforms and charges with a new poetry the standard monuments of Venice.

The three drawings are related to painted architectural capriccios with similar palace courtyard views; one is in the Accademia Carrara at Bergamo (repr. Moschini, Guardi, pl. 178), a second in the National Gallery, London (no. 2519), and a third in the Wallace Collection, London (no. 647).

The letter on the verso dated 1761 has nothing to do with the drawing and is not in Guardi's hand. The sheet must have been seized by Guardi at random, and the date simply serves as a terminus post quem. Both Goering and Levey date the National Gallery picture 1770. This is not an improbable date for all three drawings. A rather dry copy of this sheet was on the New York market in 1950 (repr. Country Life, December 3, 1927, p. 861).

PROVENANCE: Marquis de Biron, Paris and Geneva; purchased by the Metropolitan Museum in Geneva, 1937.

BIBLIOGRAPHY: Herman W. Williams, "Drawings and Related Paintings by Francesco Guardi," Art Quarterly, II, 1939, p. 271, fig. 2; Goering, Guardi, no. 72, repr.; Byam Shaw, Guardi, p. 40, note 2; Michael Levey, National Gallery Catalogues. The Eighteenth Century Italian Schools, London, 1956, pp. 53-54 (the National Gallery picture repr. p. 34 of plate volume).

The Metropolitan Museum of Art Rogers Fund, 37.165.71

199 Architectural Capriccio: Courtyard of a Palace

Pen and brown ink, brown wash, over red chalk. 10 3/4 x 7 9/16 inches (27.3 x 18.7 cm.). Watermark: coat of arms (see watermark no. 7).

Verso: A letter in pen and brown ink from a certain Domenico Tosti dated from Caprarola in 1761.

200 Architectural Capriccio: Courtyard of a Palace

Pen and brown ink, brown wash, over traces of black chalk. 10 7/8 x 7 3/8 inches (27.6 x 18.3 cm.). Watermark: coat of arms (see watermark no. 6).

Verso: List of figures in pounds in pen and brown ink.
See No. 199.


*The Metropolitan Museum of Art Rogers Fund, 37.165.87*

201 **Architectural Capriccio: Vaulted Colonnade of a Palace**

Pen and brown ink, over red chalk. 7\(\frac{1}{4}\) x 9\(\frac{3}{8}\) inches (18.1 x 23.2 cm.). Watermark: coat of arms (see watermark no. 11).

Signed in pen and brown ink at lower left, f.\(^{10}\) Guardi.

Once again Guardi transforms architectural elements from the Ducal Palace and other buildings on the Piazza S. Marco and the Piazzetta into quite new and original constructions. Here he supplies a glimpse of mountains at the left. The extensive use of red chalk underneath the pen design gives a particular coloristic charm to this sheet.

PROVENANCE: Marquis de Biron, Paris and Geneva; purchased by the Metropolitan Museum in Geneva, 1937.


EXHIBITIONS: New York, Tiepolo Exhibition, 1938, no. 61, repr.

*The Metropolitan Museum of Art Rogers Fund, 37.165.79*

202 **Architectural Capriccio: View Through an Archway**

Pen and brown ink, brown wash, over black chalk. 13\(\frac{3}{4}\) x 11\(\frac{3}{4}\) inches (34.8 x 28.1 cm.). Slight foxing. Watermark: monogram (see watermark no. 39).

Guardi here makes another imaginative assemblage of Venetian monuments. Michael Levey has pointed out that the archway in the foreground is that of the Torre dell' Orologio, while the building is a free adaptation of the inside façade of the Doge's Palace and the Scala dei Giganti, without its giants. The drawing corresponds with only minor differences to a small picture in the National Gallery, London (Inv. 2523), and it may well have served as a model for the picture, which Levey, on documentary grounds, suggests was painted before August 1777. A free copy of this drawing, by a dull hand, is in the Berlin Print Room (no. 14013; *Arte Veneta*, III, 1949, fig. 151, as Giacomo Guardi); an even feebler copy is in the Victoria and Albert Museum (D. 1047–1900, Gernsheim photograph 54,588).

PROVENANCE: Lucy Cohen, London (according to Biron Inventory); Marquis de Biron, Paris and Geneva; purchased by the Metropolitan Museum in Geneva, 1937.


EXHIBITIONS: New York, Tiepolo Exhibition, 1938, no. 61, repr.

*The Metropolitan Museum of Art Rogers Fund, 37.165.79*

203 **Capriccio with Ruins**

Pen and brown ink, over black chalk. 12\(\frac{3}{4}\) x 8\(\frac{3}{4}\) inches (32.4 x 22.2 cm.). Several stains and spots of wash throughout sheet; repaired tear at lower left margin and at center of sheet. Watermark: coat of arms (see watermark no. 9).

Inscribed in black chalk on verso, Francesco Guardi.

Unusual in its heavily hatched surfaces that create a somewhat Riccisque effect, this composition in its main outlines was utilized for the painting in the North Carolina Museum of Art at Raleigh (repr. Venice, Guardi Exhibition, 1965, no. 92). In the latter, the staffage is different, and the mountains at the right of the drawing give way to a harbor scene. The drawing is probably not too far in date from the painting, which has been placed about 1765–1770.
204 Capriccio with a Tower

Pen and brown ink, brown wash, over black chalk. 9\% × 13\% inches (23.8 × 34.9 cm.), sight. Slight foxing; some spots of brown wash.

Guardi no doubt followed his fancy in creating this atmospheric caprice of a small inlet along the Lagoon, with its picturesque loading tower and the motif of entwined or crossed trees that he used more than once in other late capricci. Its composition seems to have found favor, as Simonson in his 1904 monograph recorded two paintings of a similar subject (nos. 122 and 139) plus a variant drawing (no. 283); a third painting from the Musée de Picardie, Amiens (no. 3), was exhibited with the present drawing at Cailleux in Paris in 1952. A weak copy with a few variations is in the Detroit Institute of Arts (repr. Detroit Institute of Arts, “Loan Exhibition of Old Master Drawings from Midwestern Museums,” 1950, no. 19).

EXHIBITIONS: Cailleux, Tiepolo et Guardi, 1952, no. 106, pl. 61.

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205 Capriccio with a Squall on the Lagoon

Pen and brown ink, brown wash, over a little black chalk. 10\% × 15\% inches (25.2 × 39.8 cm.). Slight foxing. Watermark: letter W below medallion (see watermark no. 38). Partially lined. Byam Shaw noted that the composition of this late capriccio was used and reused with variations in format and figures in a number of Guardi’s pictures, notably that formerly in the Alfred de Rothschild collection, one sold at Colnaghi’s many years ago, another sold in Paris in 1939 with the Gentile di Giuseppe collection, and still another in the Chiesa collection, Milan. The latter was one of a pair of small paintings made by Guardi for his friend Dr. Felice de Manfroni in 1782. A variant drawing was exhibited by Cailleux in 1952 (no. 108).

PROVENANCE: Donop de Monchy; Vitale Bloch, Paris.

BIBLIOGRAPHY: Byam Shaw, Guardi, p. 78, no. 72, repr.; Moschini, Guardi, fig. 184.

EXHIBITIONS: Cailleux, Tiepolo et Guardi, 1952, no. 107, repr.

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206 Gardens of the Villa Correr, near Strà

Pen and brown ink, brown wash, over black chalk. 9\% × 13\% inches (23.2 × 39.8 cm.). Watermark: medallion at left, letters FA at right (see watermark no. 37). Inscribed in pen and brown ink at lower right, Guardi F.; in black chalk on verso, Villa di Correr a Fieso vicino a Strà. Verso: Study of St. Theresa and study of hands in black chalk.

This is a view of the elaborate gardens of the Villa Correr at Fieso d’Artico near Strà. Another view of these gardens with hedges clipped into architectural forms and taken from a different point of view is in the Museo Correr (Pallucchini, Disegni del Guardi al Correr, fig. 91). Francesco must have been acquainted with the Correr family, and we know from old records that Count Teodoro Correr purchased drawings by Francesco from his son Giacomo Guardi, thus forming the nucleus of the large group of Guardi drawings conserved in the Correr Museum in Venice.

PROVENANCE: Baron Mathey (according to Biron Inventory); Marquis de Biron, Paris and Geneva; purchased by the Metropolitan Museum in Geneva, 1937.

BIBLIOGRAPHY: Benesch, Venetian Drawings, no. 61, repr.; Michelangelo Muraro, “An Altarpiece and Other Figure Paintings by Francesco Guardi,” Burlington Magazine, C, 1958, p. 8, fig. 15 (verso).

The Metropolitan Museum of Art Rogers Fund, 37.165.77
207 The Villa Loredan, near Treviso

Pen and brown ink, brown wash, over black chalk. 15 1/8 x 20 3/8 inches (40 x 76 cm.). Vertical crease at center. Watermark: FAUSTINO CALCINARDI (see watermark no. 43).

This large view of the gate and the façade of a Venetian villa was used by Guardi in a picture of approximately the same dimensions, now in a private collection in London (Antonio Morassi, Arte Veneta, no. 4, 1950, p. 53, fig. 49). In the picture figures have been added; they stand outside the villa and on the road in the foreground. A fairly exact copy after the picture, drawn by Francesco himself or by his son Giacomo, is in the Ashmolean Museum at Oxford. This copy bears an inscription that identifies the now destroyed villa: View of the Seat of S. E. Loredano at Paese near Treviso at present in the possession of John Strange Esq. N. B. grass ground within the Fence; without the post road from Treviso to Bassan. John Strange was British Resident in Venice from 1773 to 1790 and a patron of Francesco Guardi.

The artist made several drawings at the Villa Loredan. A smaller freer sketch of the entrance gate and façade is at the Rhode Island School of Design in Providence (Master Drawings Selected from the Museums and Private Collections in America, Buffalo, Albright Art Gallery, 1935, pl. 73). A view from the front windows of the villa is at the Fodor Museum in Amsterdam, and a view from the back windows in the Ashmolean Museum. The painted view of the façade corresponding to the present drawing is one of a series of four pictures formerly in Lord Rothermere’s collection. The other pictures represent the garden façade of the Villa Loredan (now in the collection of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wrightsman, New York), the façade and garden of the neighboring Villa dal “Timpano Arcuato,” and the gardens of the Palazzo Contarini dal Zaffo in Venice. There are drawings for these last two pictures at Rotterdam, Oxford, and Lille. Byam Shaw has suggested that Guardi’s drawings of the Villa Loredan probably date from 1778, when the painter undertook a journey from Venice to his family home in the Val di Sole.

PROVENANCE: Marquis de Biron, Paris and Geneva; purchased by the Metropolitan Museum in Geneva, 1937.


The Metropolitan Museum of Art Rogers Fund, 37.165.69

208 View of Lévoce in the Valsugana

Pen, brown and black ink, brown wash, over black chalk. 16 3/4 x 25 3/8 inches (42.6 x 63.8 cm.). Vertical crease at center.

Inscribed in pen and brown ink in the artist’s hand at lower left, Leveo verso il Borgo ci Valsugana dove la Brenta nasce; illegible inscription in black chalk at lower right.

Verso: Landscape view in pen and brown ink, brown wash, over black chalk.

The inscription in Francesco Guardi’s own hand identifies this splendid large view after nature; the village seen at the left is Lévoce in the Valsugana. We know that the aging Francesco made a journey to this mountainous region near Trento in the autumn of 1778. Two other large landscape drawings record places seen by the artist in the Valsugana: a view of Borgo di Valsugana, formerly in the Jean Dubois collection (Byam Shaw, pl. 31) and a view of Borgo seen from a greater distance in the collection of J. Byam Shaw (Canaletto e Guardi, 1962, pl. 109).

PROVENANCE: Marius Pauline (Lugt 1910); sale, Paris, Galerie Georges Petit, May 13, 1929, no. 101, pl. 69; Mrs. C. I. Stalen.

This is one of Francesco’s most brilliant records of a contemporary Venetian event, very probably drawn on the spot by the aging artist in the quarter of S. Marcuola, where a fire broke out on November 27, 1789. Another version of this subject with important variations is in the Museo Correr. The figures in that sheet are in Francesco’s hand, while the buildings in the background, drawn in a rather dry and awkward fashion, seem to have been added by the hand of the artist’s son Giacomo. At the bottom of the Correr sheet is an inscription added by Giacomo reading, Incendio di S. Marcuola l’anno 1789 28 [N?] bre, and Guardi F. (repr. Byam Shaw, no. 41, and Kultzen, p. 15). The present drawing was utilized by Francesco in a fine small painting formerly in the Alphonse de Rothschild collection and now in the Pinakothek at Munich (repr. Kultzen, p. 13).

Byam Shaw points out that the ruined Roman triumphal arch sketch on the verso of the sheet also appears on the verso of a lagoon capriccio in the collection of Mrs. F. L. Evans (Byam Shaw, pl. 75), and that the same arch appears in two paintings by Guardi.

PROVENANCE: Lucy Cohen, London (according to Biron Inventory); Marquis de Biron, Paris and Geneva; purchased by the Metropolitan Museum in Geneva, 1937.


The Metropolitan Museum of Art Rogers Fund, 11.66.12
211 The Fenice Theater in Venice

Pen and brown ink, brown and gray wash. 7½ × 10 ¾ inches (20 × 27.5 cm.). Watermark: crescent above crown (part of Heawood 884; see watermark no. 22).

Verso: Fragment of a larger drawing representing part of a column and a cornice, in pen and brown ink, gray wash.

This view of the Teatro La Fenice is one of Guardi’s last drawings. The Fenice, work of the architect Gian Antonio Selva, was begun in 1790 and opened in April 1792, less than a year before Francesco’s death. A freer view of the same building seen from a different angle is in the Museo Correr (Pallucchini, Desegni del Guardi al Correr, fig. 87). The rapidly noted staffage figures in the foreground are typical and closely related to those on the sheets of macchiette in the Metropolitan Museum (see No. 189).

PROVENANCE: Baron Mathey (according to Biron Inventory); Marquis de Biron, Paris and Geneva; purchased by the Metropolitan Museum in Geneva, 1937.

BIBLIOGRAPHY: Goering, Guardi, no. 151, repr.; Benech, Venetian Drawings, no. 68, repr.; Byam Shaw, Guardi, p. 72; Pignatti, Disegni dei Guardi, no. 1XIII, repr.

EXHIBITIONS: Venice, Guardi Exhibition, 1965, no. 71, repr.

The Metropolitan Museum of Art
Rogers Fund, 37.165.73

212 Decorative Cartouche with a Lagoon Capriccio

Pen and black ink, watercolor, over black chalk. 16 1/8 × 27 5/8 inches (41.9 × 68.8 cm.). Drawing composed of two sheets joined vertically at right of center; vertical crease to left of center. Partially lined.

Illegible inscription in pen and brown ink, partially covered by lining, on verso.

This large drawing, lavishly heightened with watercolor, is rightly celebrated as one of Francesco’s finest surviving decorative designs. The rococo cartouche, perhaps intended for an overdoor, contains a lagoon capriccio freely inspired by Canaletto’s large etching La Torre di Marghera, as is a drawing by Francesco at Hamburg (Byam Shaw, pl. 68). The somewhat dry addition at the right is possibly the work of a restorer, who has cleverly completed Guardi’s design, which may have at some point been damaged in this area. In any case, the addition antedates the drawing’s presence in the collection of the Earl of Warwick (1812–1893), since that collector’s mark appears in the lower right corner.

PROVENANCE: George Guy, Fourth Earl of Warwick (Lugt 2600); sale, London, Christie’s, May 20–21, 1896, no. 164; Raimondo de Madrazo; Sarah Cooper and Erskine Hewitt.


The Metropolitan Museum of Art
Rogers Fund, 37.165.73

213 Design for a Framing Motif

Pen and brown ink, green wash, over traces of black chalk. 16 3/4 × 17 1/8 inches (41.8 × 43.5 cm.). Horizontal and vertical creases; brown stain at lower margin. Lined.

A superb, hitherto unpublished ornament drawing enriched by applications of green watercolor, in which Francesco proposes alternative solutions for a sumptuous framing motif—revealing his considerable talent as a decorator. The drawing came to the Metropolitan Museum in 1937 with the correct attribution to Francesco Guardi. Shortly thereafter it was banished to the limbo of Italian anonymity, and, it was quite recently that Larissa Salmina Haskell recognized Francesco’s authorship.

PROVENANCE: Marquis de Biron, Paris and Geneva; purchased by the Metropolitan Museum in Geneva, 1937.

The Metropolitan Museum of Art
Rogers Fund, 37.165.101
214 Seated Turk with a Leopard

Pen and brown ink, black chalk, heightened with white, on blue paper. 12 7/8 x 14 3/8 inches (32.7 x 37.2 cm.), sight. Contours pricked for transfer; vertical crease at center; several horizontal creases.

Unidentified collector's mark at lower left corner.

Janos Scholz has suggested that the pricking of this design implies that the contours were transferred for some decorative purpose, perhaps for the ornamentation of doors or furniture. Such exotic figures often were utilized in Venetian decoration. Vestiges of a similar pricked ornamental design appear on the verso of a landscape capriccio by Francesco Guardi in the Metropolitan Museum (37.165.84); all that survives of the figure in this sheet is a pair of feet wearing Easter-looking pointed slippers.


Janos Scholz

Bernardo Bellotto, called Canaletto

Venice 1720–Warsaw 1780

215 View of Padua from the East

Pen and brown ink, over black chalk. 7 1/4 x 10 7/8 inches (18.1 x 26.4 cm.), sight. Several spots and stains; repaired loss at lower left corner.

Bellotto owed all, artistically, to his uncle, Canaletto, and even used his uncle's name on occasion. Here we see him doing an exercise in his own rather dry but sympathetic penwork that is based upon, and indeed is a free copy of a drawing by Canaletto in this exhibition (see No. 158).

PROVENANCE: Von Bojanus, Russian Councillor of State, sold 1829; Hessisches Landesmuseum, Darmstadt; sale, Lucerne, Galerie Fischer, June 2, 1945, no. 10, pl. 2.

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Giovanni Battista Piranesi

Mogliano Veneto 1720–Rome 1778

216 Sheet of Sketches

Pen and brown ink. 16 3/8 x 11 3/4 inches (41.8 x 28.3 cm.). Watermark: fleur-de-lis in double circle.

Inscribed by the artist in pen and brown ink, above, statua[di Giove—cochlic con cavali—a buo]?—tempio; centro; tempio—trofei—dorico senza [vinoltar [lit?]?—naumachia [naumachia ovata con principali [palazzi alla parti et nel mezo e sopra frontespici li soliti ornamenti di trofei statue, e cavali, cochi tirati da cavali—cochio [con l'imperatore dentro] e fama sopra che l'incorona—a sei eletanti—Apollo—rose—vaso con due rechie [per manico; below, trofei—arco [arco—eletanti [con cochio—arco e pure [ella fronte—soldato—animal [egizio [virile [alla meta. Verso, colonna Traiana [serve per campane—per castaldo—Pale a fette di [melon.

Verso: Pen and brown ink layout of garden and other sketches.

It was possibly on Piranesi's trip to Rome (1740–1743) that Johann Bernhard Fischer von Erlach's Entwurff einer historischen Architecutur . . . , Vienna, 1721, came to his attention, perhaps through the good offices of his friend Nicola Giobbe, the builder to whom he dedicated La prima parte di architetture, e prospettive, 1743. The famous Austrian architect's pictorial history of architecture obviously struck the young Venetian as a good source book for ideas. As he turned through its plates, he systematically sketched and annotated, beginning at the top of the sheet and repeatedly working across from left to right, selecting now a principal monument, for instance, the temple of Artemis at Ephesus (Fischer, I, pl. vii), now only a small detail, like the group of figures on top of the Arch of Septimius Severus (Fischer, II, pl. v, lower right), that took his fancy. On the verso, he noted a detail of the palace at Schönbrunn, one of Fischer's own buildings (Fischer, IV, pl. iii). This is one of two similar sheets of studies in the Morgan Library. Their relationship to Fischer von Erlach was first noted some years ago by Willard O. Clifford.
217 Central View of a Church Interior

Pen and brown ink, gray and brown wash, over black chalk, with revisions by the artist in pen and darker brown ink and wash, also red chalk. 7⅞ x 9⅝ inches (18.7 x 24.6 cm.). Lined.

Inscribed in brown ink by the artist across the architrave, IMPERATOR / IOannes BTTA PIRANESI / SE-PULCRUM EREXIT; signed at lower right, Piranesi.

Although this sheet has previously been described as a product of Piranesi’s atelier reworked by the artist himself, it is an admirable autograph drawing. The differences in handling are due to the fact that the drawing was made in two stages. The precise, fine drawing done in large part with the ruling pen and compass, and delicately washed with gray, is typical of Piranesi’s early style (cf. Morgan Inv. 1966.11:3, which is directly preparatory for one of the etchings of La prima parte di architettura, 1743). At a subsequent time, the drawing was revised in a bolder manner. The inscription in the center of the drawing shows that Piranesi dreamed of himself as the designer of an imperial tomb.

The inscription Piranesi at the lower right is in all probability a signature; it is found on a great many of the artist’s drawings, most of them mounted, as this one is, on a heavy paper with a double-ruled border in brown. Occasionally it is written partly on the paper of the drawing, partly on the mount. It does not appear on any of the drawings in the collection formed by Mrs. J. P. Morgan and now in the Morgan Library.

PROVENANCE: Edmond Fatio (sale, Nicolas Rauch, Geneva, June 3-4, 1959, no. 203); purchased by the Morgan Library in Geneva, 1959.

218 Prison Interior

Pen and brown ink, gray and brown wash, over black chalk. 7⅛ x 9⅛ inches (18.2 x 24.5 cm.).

In such a drawing Piranesi is dependent on the conventions of baroque stage design, as witness the projecting central angle and the divergent wings opening left and right. Its restrained line and neatly confined washes mark it as an early work, probably executed prior to the freer studies for the famous series of etchings of prisons, the Invenzioni capric. di carceri, which appeared about 1745.

PROVENANCE: Mrs. J. P. Morgan, d. 1925.


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Bequest of the late Junius S. Morgan and Gift of Henry S. Morgan, 1966.11:17

219 Gondola

Pen and brown ink, brown wash, over black chalk. 11⅝ x 26⅛ inches (29.6 x 68.3 cm.). Watermark: bow and arrow (Briquet 738).

Verso: Black chalk ornament with sun and star motifs; pen and brown ink design for decorative frame; similar sketch in red chalk.

An unusual aspect of the Morgan Library’s Piranesi collection is its preservation of an important group of drawings clearly demonstrating the artist’s Venetian origin. None does so more explicitly than this sparkling design for a festal gondola, which is the peer of the drawings of similar ornamental craft by Tiepolo and Guardi. The Gondola and Nos. 220-224 were probably executed between late 1743
and 1745 during Piranesi’s stay in Venice, whence he had returned from Rome because of lack of funds; it is at this period that he is said—and not without reason as these drawings bear witness—to have worked in the studio of Tiepolo.

PROVENANCE: Mrs. J. P. Morgan, d. 1925.


EXHIBITIONS: New York, Piranesi Exhibition, 1949, pp. 6–8, 13, no. 10, figs. 6, 7 (detail); Oberlin College, Drawings of the 18th Century, 1950–1951, no. 16, repr.; New York, Pierpont Morgan Library, “Treasures from the Pierpont Morgan Library, Fifthieth Anniversary Exhibition,” 1957, no. 102, pl. 67.

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220 Design for a Title Page

Pen and brown ink, brown wash, over black chalk; smudges of red chalk. 15 1/2 x 20 3/4 inches (39.5 x 51.9 cm.). Watermark: fleur-de-lis in circle with letters CAC above and letter F below.

Verso: Black chalk study of standing male nude.

Although they are of the lavish nature of the title pages or frontispieces that adorn Piranesi’s etched works, neither the present design nor No. 221 was apparently carried any further.

The standing male nude that occupies the full length of the vertically oriented verso is probably Piranesi’s largest figure study. The figure is the large-scale counterpart of the muscular ignudi indolently gracing the gondola of No. 219. The verso is reproduced in Stampfle, fig. 6.

PROVENANCE: Mrs. J. P. Morgan, d. 1925.


EXHIBITIONS: New York, Piranesi Exhibition, 1949, pp. 6, 7, no. 7, figs. 4, 8 (verso).

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Bequest of the late Junius S. Morgan and Gift of Henry S. Morgan, 1966.11.7

221 Design for a Title Page

Pen and brown ink, brown wash, over black chalk; some red watercolor; pulpits pricked for transfer. 20 x 29 1/2 inches (50.8 x 75 cm.). Watermark: bow and arrow (Briquet 738).

One is reluctant to follow the assumption of the late Professor Hylton A. Thomas that the delicately worked central design for a pulpits and its ground plan, with a touch of color at the left, are a part of the main composition, constituting a kind of trompe-l’oeil design on the representation of a large rippled and folded sheet that partly conceals the classical tablet. The fact that the pulpits alone is meticulously pricked for transfer would seem to work against such an assumption, but a bizarrerie of this kind was not beyond Piranesi. The facile flow of the golden brown washes in the broader passages is indicative of the immediacy of Tiepolo’s influence in this sheet.

PROVENANCE: Mrs. J. P. Morgan, d. 1925.


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Bequest of the late Junius S. Morgan and Gift of Henry S. Morgan, 1966.11.8

222 Capriccio

Pen and brown ink, brown wash, over black chalk. 14 3/4 x 20 1/4 inches (37.7 x 51.1 cm.), upper margin. Trimmed unevenly along lower margin. Watermark: bow and arrow (Briquet 738).

Inscribed by the artist at lower left, tronco / grande per terra / d sia terreno.

With its jumble of fallen columns, and its mourning satyrs, this haunting drawing is related to the sequence of four large etchings in the Opere varie di architettura, 1750, known as the Grotteschi, in which a similar mood of brooding melancholy prevails. The Grotesques are the most Tiepolesque of all Piranesi’s prints, and, like this drawing, were probably made at the time of his short stay in Ven-
ice in the early 1740s, although they were first published in 1750 in the *Opere varie di architettura*.

**Provenance:** Mrs. J. P. Morgan, d. 1925.


The Pierpont Morgan Library
*Bequest of the late Junius S. Morgan and Gift of Henry S. Morgan, 1966.11:9*

### 223 Design for a Wall Panel

Pen and brown ink, gray-brown wash, over black chalk. 12 7/8 × 14 3/4 inches (32.5 × 37.4 cm.). Watermark: bow and arrow (Briquet 718).

Verso: Pen and brown ink sketch for a table.

**Piranesi’s biographer J. G. Legrand in his manuscript *Life* (1799) of the artist, preserved in the Bibliothèque Nationale, Paris (Nouv. acq. fr. 5968; folio 131 verso), makes brief mention of his activity as architect and decorator in Venice. No trace of work of this kind remains in the Venetian palaces, but drawings such as this and two other Morgan sheets in similar rococo vein (Inv. 1966.11:11 and 13) seem to support Legrand’s passing reference.

**Provenance:** Mrs. J. P. Morgan, d. 1925.


The Pierpont Morgan Library
*Bequest of the late Junius S. Morgan and Gift of Henry S. Morgan, 1966.11:11*

### 224 Design for a Wall Panel

Pen and brown ink, brown wash, over black chalk. 11 5/8 × 11 3/4 inches (28.8 × 28.2 cm.).

This piece of airy Venetian rococo ornamentation, which is seen in perspective, may be interestingly compared with Guardi’s (see No. 212).

**Provenance:** Mrs. J. P. Morgan, d. 1925.


**Exhibitions:** New York, *Piranesi Exhibition*, 1949, pp. 6–8, no. 13.

The Pierpont Morgan Library
*Bequest of the late Junius S. Morgan and Gift of Henry S. Morgan, 1966.11:13*

### 225 Architectural Complex

Pen and brown ink, brown wash, over black chalk. 10 1/8 × 7 3/8 inches (25.5 × 18 cm.).

Verso: Black chalk sketch of colonnade.

Such a drawing is conceived in the grandiose idiom of the imaginative architectural inventions of Piranesi’s *Opere varie di architettura*, which appeared in 1750. It reminds one of Horace Walpole’s words, “He piles palaces on bridges and temples on palaces, and scales Heaven with mountains of edifices” (*Anecdotes of Painting in England*, IV, 1771, p. vi).

**Provenance:** Mrs. J. P. Morgan, d. 1925.


The Pierpont Morgan Library
*Bequest of the late Junius S. Morgan and Gift of Henry S. Morgan, 1966.11:14*

### 226 Architectural Fantasy

Pen and brown ink, brown wash. 12 7/8 × 10 3/4 inches (32.9 × 49.1 cm.), sight. Small creases and tears at all margins; lower right corner replaced.

Collector’s mark of Janos Scholz at lower left (Lugt S. 2933b).

This imaginary architectural complex—with a triumphal arch, approached by a colossal stairway and
set into a great two-story colonnade with circular wings surmounted by obelisks and trophies—owes something to Piranesi’s perusal of Fischer von Erlach’s Entwurff einer historischen Architecutr . . . Vienna, 1721, as well as to his studies of stage design. It was probably produced about 1745–1750.


**Exhibitions:** Venice, Scholz Exhibition, 1957, no. 98, repr.; Oakland, Scholz Exhibition, 1960, no. 62; Hamburg, Scholz Exhibition, 1963, no. 118, pl. 56; New Haven, Scholz Exhibition, 1964, no. 82, pl. 15; London, Scholz Exhibition, 1968, no. 71, pl. 24. —Janos Scholz

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**227 S. Maria del Priorato, Rome: Design for the Central Panel of the Vault**

Pen and brown ink, gray wash, over black chalk. 20 3/4 x 12 1/2 inches (53.2 x 31.7 cm.). Design silhouetted at top.

Inscribed in pen and brown ink on plaque beneath the statue of St. John the Baptist, *S. IOANES / PROTECT. or.*

Piranesi, on the title pages of his etched works, was wont to style himself “architetto veneziano,” but what is known of his limited activity as an architect is restricted to Rome in the 1760s. At least a baker’s dozen of his drawings in the Morgan Library are architectural. Seven are connected with his restoration of the church of the Knights of Malta (variously known as S. Maria Aventina and S. Maria del Priorato) and the adjoining priory; four relate to his ideas for the rebuilding of the west end of S. Giovanni in Laterano; two others are merely exercises representing the Farnese Palace in ground plan and elevation.

Strictly speaking, the drawings related to the renovation of S. Maria del Priorato, the project undertaken in 1764–1765 at the commission of Piranesi’s friend, patron, and fellow Venetian, Cardinal Giovanni Rezzonico, Grand Prior of the Order of Malta, are designs for elements of the decoration, both interior and exterior. The design for the vault decoration is conceived as one continuous panel running the length of the church. It displays the emblems of the Knights of Malta framed by a border of laurel. The order’s patron saint, John the Baptist, is represented in the lower section; above him are the Maltese cross, with its equal arms, and the galleys and shields symbolic of centuries of sea conquests; at the top is the shirt of humility worn by the knights in memory of the Baptist’s camel-hair garments. The finished nature of the drawing suggests that it may have been intended for submission to the patron cardinal for his approval. In the main, the actual decoration as carried out by Tommaso Righi follows the drawing, although there were changes in such details as the disposition of the small angels and the pose of the figure of St. John.

**Provenance:** Mrs. J. P. Morgan, d. 1925.


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*Bequest of the late Jumius S. Morgan and Gift of Henry S. Morgan, 1966.11.50*

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**228 S. Maria del Priorato, Rome: Sketch for the High Altar**

Pen and brown ink. 4 3/8 x 4 3/8 inches (11.8 x 11.7 cm.).

In this quick, preliminary sketch Piranesi’s conception of the altar of S. Maria del Priorato had already crystallized. The two ancient sarcophagus forms, placed one on top of the other and surmounted by the figure of St. Basil, appear very much the same in the altar itself where, however, the several large flanking candelabra were not retained.

**Provenance:** Purchased by the Morgan Library in New York, 1952.

**Bibliography:** Mayor, *Piranesi*, p. 18, pl. 81; Morgan

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Smith College, Piranesi, 1961, p. 104, no. 58, pl. 49.

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229 *S. Maria del Priorato, Rome*:

**Design for the Lower Part of the High Altar**

Pen and brown ink, gray wash, over black chalk; additions in black chalk. 18 ⅝ × 14 ⅞ inches (47.1 × 36.6 cm.).

Watermark: fleur-de-lis in single circle with letter V above. Compositions at upper left and right; scale at bottom.

The present drawing is a study for the lower section of the high altar (Mayor, pl. 93); the upper part of the finished work shows St. Basil borne heavenward above the globe behind the lamb. The execution of the design in gypsum and stucco was carried out by Tommaso Righi, who was responsible for the stucco work throughout the church. It will be remarked that after the drawing was more or less completed by the application of the gray wash, the artist worked over it again with black chalk to heighten the three-dimensional effect.

Piranesi is buried in S. Maria del Priorato.

**PROVENANCE**

Mrs. J. P. Morgan, d. 1925.

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231 *S. Giovanni in Laterano, Rome*:

**Longitudinal Section of Proposed Alteration of West End**

Pen and brown ink, brown wash, with traces of black chalk. 12 ⅞ × 21 ⅛ inches (32 × 54.5 cm.).

Inscribed in pen and brown ink on verso, *Ponte S. Angelo / Teatro di Marcello / Piramide Nuova / Foro di Nerva / Curia Ostilia / Tempio di Cibelle / S. Urbano / Arco di Tito / Portico d’Adriano / Interno*.

As Piranesi himself recorded in the dedication of his work *Diverse maniere d’adornare i cammini . . .*, 1769, addressed to Cardinal Giovanni Battista Rezzonico, it was at the commission of the cardinal’s uncle, Pope Clement XIII, that he drew up plans for the rebuilding of the west end of the great basilica of S. Giovanni in Laterano. The death of the Venetian pope in February 1769, however, put an end to the project. This longitudinal section, which begins at the point of the transept, as it still exists today with Cavaliere d’Arpino’s fresco of the Ascension, shows one of Piranesi’s proposals for the alteration of the choir and apse. It features an ambulatory and a decorative system of alternating stars and medallions for the half dome, obviously designed to harmonize
232 S. Giovanni in Laterano, Rome: Sketch for Choir Wall; Putti

Pen and brown ink, gray wash, over black chalk. 13 3/4 x 10 1/2 inches (34.9 x 26 cm.). Watermark: fleur-de-lis in double circle with letters C B above.

Verso: Sketch in black chalk for pedimented niche of choir wall; fragmentary ground plan of the choir.

As was recently recognized by Manfred F. Fischer, this sheet and No. 233 were once joined together. In the separation of the two sketches, each half was slightly trimmed so that they no longer fit together exactly. From the plans on the verso of each half, Dr. Fischer was able to reconstruct the ground plan of a portion of Piranesi's projected renovation of the choir. A slightly different solution for the choir wall is put forth in Morgan Inv. 1966.11:57.

PROVENANCE: Mrs. J. P. Morgan, d. 1925.


EXHIBITIONS: New York, Piranesi Exhibition, 1949, p. 6, no. 110, fig. 16.

The Pierpont Morgan Library
Bequest of the late Junius S. Morgan and Gift of Henry S. Morgan, 1966.11:58

233 S. Giovanni in Laterano, Rome: Design for a Papal Monument

Pen and brown ink, gray wash, over black chalk. 13 3/4 x 7 3/4 inches (34.6 x 18.3 cm.).

Verso: Black chalk fragment of ground plan.

No doubt this design, distinguished for the freedom and bravura of its execution, was also intended for some architectural feature of the choir of S. Giovanni in Laterano, since it was once a part of the same sheet as the above drawing. Presumably the oval was meant to frame a papal portrait as in the design for a papal wall monument in the Ashmolean Museum, Oxford (Thomas, pl. 45). The latter drawing and a similar one in the Ornamentstichsammlung of the Berlin Kunstsgewerbemuseum (Box 3940, no. 138) appear to be works of the same period. If they do not relate, as Professor Thomas suggested, to Piranesi's presumably lost interior decorations for Pope Clement XIII at the Vatican or at Castelgandolfo, they might conceivably be a part of the Lateran project.

PROVENANCE: Mrs. J. P. Morgan, d. 1925.


EXHIBITIONS: New York, Piranesi Exhibition, 1949, p. 6, no. 110, fig. 16.

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Bequest of the late Junius S. Morgan and Gift of Henry S. Morgan, 1966.11:110

234 Design for Mantelpiece with Confronted Elephant Heads

Pen and brown ink, brown wash, over black chalk; smudges of red chalk at right. 8 3/8 x 12 5/8 inches (21.3 x 32.1 cm.).

Inscribed in pen and brown ink at lower right, Rotta de c. . . / Carioni [?].

Verso: Fragment of Ottaviani etching after Guercino.

The designs for decoration constitute the largest single category of drawings in the Morgan Piranesi collection, their number running into the forties.
The majority are, like this sheet and the following one, ideas for mantelpieces of eccentric opulence, but there are also designs for chairs and tables, candelabra and sconces, even sedan chairs. A number were etched in Piranesi’s influential publication Diverse maniere d’adornare i cammini ed ogni altra parte degli edifizi, 1769. Frequently, as in the present instance, they are drawn on the back of proofs or discarded sheets of his etched plates of earlier date. Several of the preliminary studies for etched mantelpieces are even executed on the verso of other plates from the Diverse maniere d’adornare i cammini . . . , indicating the various levels at which the artist was working at one period.

PROVENANCE: Mrs. J. P. Morgan, d. 1925.


EXHIBITIONS: New York, Piranesi Exhibition, 1949, no. 61, fig. 14; Smith College, Piranesi, 1961, no. 68.

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235 Design for Mantelpiece

Red chalk, some black chalk, additions in pen and brown ink. 19 3/8 × 14 3/8 inches (49.5 × 36.4 cm.). Paper pieced together; loss at upper center.

Verso: Fragmentary sketch in pen and brown ink of wall decoration.

Six of the Morgan designs for mantelpieces were etched. This one is preparatory for the plate that is no. 893 in Henri Focillon’s G. B. Piranesi: Essai de catalogue raisonné de son oeuvre, Paris, 1918.

PROVENANCE: Mrs. J. P. Morgan, d. 1925.


The Pierpont Morgan Library Bequest of the late Junius S. Morgan and Gift of Henry S. Morgan, 1966.11.63

236 Ruins at Pozzuoli

Pen and brown–black ink, over black chalk, on a heavy light brown paper. 19 3/8 × 30 inches (49.5 × 76 cm.). Creased at the center. Watermark: animal inscribed in a circle, the letters R U S S below.

Inscribed at lower left margin in pen and gray–black ink, the letter P in a rough cartouche; fragment of a somewhat similar inscription on verso.

This monumental drawing is a product of the 1770s when Piranesi made numerous trips to the region of Pompeii and Herculaneum to study the Roman ruins. At first thought to be a view of Pompeian remains, it is now known to represent a site in Pozzuoli, another ancient city near Naples. The identification was made by Hylton A. Thomas on the basis of an engraving of the same ruins by Giuseppe Vasi (1710–1782), which he chanced upon in the New York art market immediately following his first glimpse of this drawing; he forthwith presented the print to the Morgan Library. The three columns are those of the Serapeum at Pozzuoli. The Library owns another late drawing of this kind, a view of the Temple of Isis at Pompeii.


The Pierpont Morgan Library Gift of the Fellows, 1961.1

237 Figure Studies

Pen and brown ink. 87/8 × 5 3/8 inches (22.5 × 13.5 cm.), sight. Several creases and repairs.

Piranesi’s figure drawings are not as rare as once thought, but their numbers are not large considering the myriads of personas who enliven his etchings. Usually they are free notations of men in lively movement or animated gesticulation as here and in the following drawing; only occasionally are there representations of women and children. Sometimes, as in examples in Milan, Paris, and Oxford (Thomas, pls. 67, 74, 77), as well as in the Morgan Library (Inv. 1950.53) and the collection
of Count Seilern (Italian Paintings and Drawings at 56 Princes Gate, London, London, 1959, no. 144). Piranesi appears to have used his pressmen (or paper makers?) as models, but ordinarily the action of his figures goes unexplained.


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238 Figure Studies

Pen and brown ink, point of brush. 6 1/4 x 8 1/4 inches (15.9 x 21 cm.), sight. Tear at upper margin; waterstains throughout sheet; diagonal crease in right half of sheet.

Illegible inscription in black chalk at lower right; unidentified collector’s mark stamped in blue at lower left; mark of unidentified collector (Lugt S. 735a) stamped in red at center.

It is reported by Bianconi, a contemporary biographer of Piranesi, that the Senator Abbondio Rezzonico owned a group of Piranesi’s drawings of beggars and still-life compositions (see Henri Focillon, Giovanni Battista Piranesi, Paris, 1928, p. 74). With this reference in mind, one might be persuaded to regard these figures, especially that on the right, as sketches of blind beggars. See No. 237.

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Giovanni Domenico Tiepolo

Venice 1727–Venice 1804

239 Kneeling Woman with Two Children

Red chalk on blue paper. 12 3/4 x 10 inches (32.5 x 25.4 cm.). Pen and brown ink inscription at lower margin of verso visible on recto. Lined.

The three figures correspond exactly to a group on the right in Giambattista’s Family of Darius before Alexander, a picture painted during the Tiepolo’s stay in Würzburg from 1750 to 1753 and now in the University Museum, Würzburg (Morassi, 1962, fig. 283). Morassi has suggested that Domenico collaborated with his father on this picture, but it would be risky to assume that this is Domenico’s painstakingly exact study for part of a picture on which he worked with his father. Rather it is a record after a detail of the finished picture.

The present drawing is a particularly brilliant sample of the vast production of chalk record drawings made by the Tiepolo studio, especially during the Würzburg years. The best of these were formerly attributed by some scholars to Giambattista himself and thought to be studies for works executed in Würzburg. Recent scholarship, however, is fairly unanimous in giving many of the record drawings to Domenico, whose hand we feel is to be recognized here at its very best.

The complex question of the record drawings is discussed lucidly by Byam Shaw in the second chapter of his Drawings of Domenico Tiepolo.

Private Collection

240 Two Angel Musicians on a Balustrade

Red chalk, heightened with white chalk, on blue paper. 7 3/4 x 13 1/2 inches (20.1 x 34.3 cm.). Small repaired losses at upper left and lower right corners.

Inscribed on verso in pen and brown ink, . . . C. M. No. 3260; in black ink, 743 and 178.

In this characteristic red chalk record drawing, Domenico set down the figures of the cellist and lutist who appear in the very center of the lower edge of the Triumph of Faith in the central compartment of the ceiling of the Chiesa della Pietà, Venice, the large oval fresco painted by his father in 1754–1755. It is one of a considerable series of copies after details of the ceiling, many of which are preserved in Stuttgart. Among those illustrated by Hadeln (as Giambattista in Tiepolo Drawings), plates 175 and 176 show the other members of the celestial orchestra flanking the pair of the Morgan example. One is thereby enabled to follow Domenico’s method of isolating groups and disregarding overlapping details, sometimes leaving off with an in-
complete passage like that of the bagpipe at the far right, which he then picked up in the drawing formerly in the F. W. Boehler collection, Lucerne (Hadeln, Tiepolo Drawings, pl. 176). Byam Shaw speculates that such record drawings after the frescoes may have been made while the scaffolding was still in place. Since Domenico etched one of the smaller frescoes in the Pietà (De Vesme, 78), it is possible that he may have contemplated a more extensive graphic series for which the record drawings would have been useful. The inscription in brown ink on the verso may be a Bossi-Beyerlen code number.

**PROVENANCE:** Edward Habich, Cassel (according to Sack); Charles Fairfax Murray; purchased by J. Pierpont Morgan in London, 1910.

**BIBLIOGRAPHY:** Sack, Tiepolo, pp. 273–274, fig. 395.

*The Pierpont Morgan Library*  
No. IV, 151f

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241 *Abraham Visited by the Angels*

Pen and brown ink, brown wash, over black chalk; black chalk horizontal and vertical lines. 16 3/4 x 10 7/8 inches (42.7 x 27.6 cm.). Horizontal crease at center; repaired loss at upper left; foxing.

Verso: Black chalk tracings over contours of figure of Abraham on recto.

An early work of Domenico, who has freely copied a drawing by his father, now in the Museo Civico at Bassano (Master Drawings, III, 1965, no. 4, pl. 31). Both as a painter and draughtsman, Domenico’s style is based on a close but not servile imitation of his father’s work. The drawing that Domenico copies here was part of a series of highly finished compositions engraved by Pietro Monaco.

**PROVENANCE:** Marquis de Biron, Paris and Geneva; purchased by the Metropolitan Museum in Geneva, 1937.

**BIBLIOGRAPHY:** Byam Shaw, Domenico Tiepolo, p. 33, pl. 25.

**EXHIBITIONS:** New York, Tiepolo Exhibition, 1938, no. 73, repr.

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Rogers Fund, 37.165.65

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242 *The Assumption of the Virgin*

Pen and black ink, gray wash, over red chalk. 14 5/6 x 10 5/6 inches (37.9 x 27.5 cm.). Strips of gray-washed paper pasted to left and lower margins; repaired tear at upper margin.

Signed in pen and black ink at lower right, *Dom Tiepolo f.*

A good part of Domenico Tiepolo’s vast production as a draughtsman is devoted to variations on religious themes: the Trinity, God the Father, Christ, the Virgin seen in glory, the Baptism of Christ, scenes from the Passion, St. Anthony with the Christ Child—long series discussed in detail by Byam Shaw. The present *Assumption of the Virgin* is a brilliant variation on the theme stated in 1759 by Giambattista in the ceiling fresco of the Chiesa della Purità, Udine (Morassi, 1955, fig. 53). Another variation in the Morgan Library (Byam Shaw, pl. 24), where the Virgin’s hands are clasped, seems to have as point of departure Giambattista’s representation of the Virgin in the somewhat earlier central ceiling fresco in the Church of the Pietà, Venice (Morassi, 1955, fig. 43).

**PROVENANCE:** Marquis de Biron, Paris and Geneva; purchased by the Metropolitan Museum in Geneva, 1937.

**BIBLIOGRAPHY:** Byam Shaw, Domenico Tiepolo, p. 33, pl. 25.

**EXHIBITIONS:** New York, Tiepolo Exhibition, 1938, no. 73, repr.

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243 *The Baptism of Christ*

Pen and brown ink, brown wash. 10 1/8 x 7 5/8 inches (26.7 x 20 cm.). Illegible watermark.

Signed in pen and brown ink at lower left, *Dom Tiepolo f.*

The Baptism of Christ is another religious subject that served Domenico as point of departure for a long series of hastily drawn but inventive variations. In New York the Robert Lehman Collection possesses six lively exercises on this theme.

**PROVENANCE:** Hamilton E. Field (Lugt S. 872a); purchased by the Metropolitan Museum in New York, 1918.

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Rogers Fund, 18.144
244 Oriental Lancer Approaching a Town

Pen and brown ink, brown wash, over traces of black chalk. 11 1/4 x 16 3/4 inches (28.6 x 41.6 cm.).

Signed in pen and brown ink at lower left, Dom. Tiepolo f.

The turbaned Oriental lancer is an exotic visitor to the typical north Italian town seen at the left, and this bizarre combination of the familiar and unfamiliar is an excellent example of Domenico’s taste for the fantastic. Two further variations on this theme—Oriental horsemen in landscapes—are in the Metropolitan Museum (34.42.1 and 34.42.2; the former repr. Byam Shaw, pl. 42); others are in collections abroad.

PROVENANCE: Baron Louis-Auguste de Schwiter (Lugt 1768); Schwiter sale, Paris, Hôtel Drouot, April 20–21, 1883, no. 149.

BIBLIOGRAPHY: Sack, Tiepolo, p. 322, no. 143; Byam Shaw, Domenico Tiepolo, p. 40.

The Metropolitan Museum of Art
Rogers Fund, 37.165.67

245 Two Families of Satyrs

Pen and brown ink, brown wash, over a little black chalk. 7 3/4 x 10 1/8 inches (19.4 x 27.6 cm.). Lined.

Signed in pen and brown ink at lower left, Dom. Tiepolo f.

A favorite fanciful theme of Domenico was the representation of tenderly humorous scenes involving the family life of satyrs and centaurs. Four further compositions of this kind are in the Robert Lehman Collection.

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246 Satyr Leading a Centauress

Pen and brown ink, brown and gray wash, over black chalk. 7 3/4 x 10 3/4 inches (19.4 x 27.3 cm.). Slight foxing.

Signed in pen and brown ink at lower left, Dom. Tiepolo f.; inscribed in pen and brown ink on old mount, . . . fotogra . . . / . . . fotografo dal . . . / . . . Raccolta di 100 disegni originali. . . .

Domenico was amused to depict happy marriages between centaureases and satyrs or satyresses and centaurs. Here the offspring has the attributes of a satyr. The exotic pair moves across a typical northern Italian landscape. Eleven further drawings of such subjects from the Biron collection are in the Metropolitan Museum.

PROVENANCE: Baron Louis-Auguste de Schwiter (Lugt 1768); Schwiter sale, Paris, Hôtel Drouot, April 20–21, 1883, no. 142; Marquis de Biron, Paris and Geneva; purchased by the Metropolitan Museum in Geneva, 1937.

The Metropolitan Museum of Art
Rogers Fund, 37.165.61

247 Caricature of a Gentleman and Other Studies

Pen and brown ink, brown wash, over a little black chalk. 10 3/8 x 7 3/8 inches (27 x 18.6 cm.). Lined.

Signed in pen and brown ink at lower right, Dom. Tiepolo f.

Giambattista’s and Domenico’s proficiency as caricaturists is well exemplified in this spirited sheet, which if it were not signed by the son might easily be taken for the work of the father. Above the standing gentleman appears a bouquet of the character heads that appear in many of Domenico’s paintings and etchings; at the left border there are sketches of a hand and the tip of a quiver.

PROVENANCE: Marquis de Biron, Paris and Geneva; purchased by the Metropolitan Museum in Geneva, 1937.

BIBLIOGRAPHY: Metropolitan Museum, European Drawings, no. 60, repr.; Giorgio Vigni, “Note su Giambattista e Giandomenico Tiepolo,” Emporium, XC VIII, 1943, p. 23, fig. 10; Max Kozloff, “The Caricatures of Giambattista Tiepolo,” Mayris, X, 1961, p. 22, fig. 33; Byam Shaw, Domenico Tiepolo, p. 90, no. 78, repr.; Bean, 100 European Drawings, no. 49, repr.; Pignatti, Disegni veneziani, no. 118, repr.

EXHIBITIONS: Chicago, Tiepolo Exhibition, 1938, no. 114; New York, Tiepolo Exhibition, 1938, no. 74, repr.

The Metropolitan Museum of Art
Rogers Fund, 37.165.68

248 Monkey Swinging on a Parapet and Two Monkey Skeletons

Pen and brown ink, brown wash. 10 x 7 1/2 inches (25.4 x 19.1 cm.).

Signed in pen and brown ink at lower right, Dom. Tiepolo.

The monkey swinging from the parapet is copied
after a detail in the Africa section of Giambattista’s fresco in the staircase of the Würzburg Residenz; there the monkey plucks a feather from the tail of an ostrich (Freeden and Lamb, *Würzburger Residenz*, pl. 93). This monkey also appears a good deal later in the ceiling of the Throne Room in the Royal Palace at Madrid (Morassi, 1955, pl. 83).

Though Domenico has copied his father here, the sheet can hardly be called a record drawing. He has added two lively monkey skeletons of his own invention, and given us an entertaining scherzo.

**Provenance:** F. A. C. Prestel; Prestel sale, Frankfurt-am-Main, November 12–13, 1918, no. 227, pl. 38; Tomas Harris, London.

**Bibliography:** Byam Shaw, *Domenico Tiepolo*, no. 47, repr.

**Exhibitions:** London, Arts Council, Tiepolo Exhibition, 1955, no. 64, pl. viii.

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249 *Figures Around a Sacrificial Altar*

Pen and brown ink, over a little black chalk. \[11\frac{1}{2} \times 18\frac{1}{4}\] inches (30.3 × 46 cm.). Several stains and spots; inscription at lower right scraped away and now illegible.

Several numbers in pen and brown ink on verso; collector’s mark of Janos Scholz at lower left (Lugt S. 2933b).

This drawing, executed in a rather angular, forceful pen line without heightening in wash, is one of a quite considerable group of drawings representing mysterious, perhaps biblical, subjects. Many of these were in the past attributed to Giambattista, but Giorgio Vigni pointed out that they can be grouped around a drawing in Trieste that is signed by Domenico (*Emporium*, XCVIII, 1943, pp. 14–24, and Byam Shaw, *Domenico Tiepolo*, pp. 80–81). Most of these figure compositions are arranged in a flat, friezelike fashion, without much indication of depth—and this becomes characteristic of Domenico’s mature work. Mr. Scholz has suggested that the subject is Moses Breaking the Tablets of the Law, though there are, of course, recollections of the mysterious scenes that Giambattista etched in the *Scherzi di Fantasia*. Two drawings similar in technique and composition are in the Robert Leh-


**Provenance:** Dan Fellows Platt (Lugt S. 750a).

**Exhibitions:** Venice, Scholz Exhibition, 1957, no. 72, repr.; Oakland, Scholz Exhibition, 1960, no. 86.

*Janos Scholz*

250 *Studies of Two Orientals*

Brush and brown wash. \[9\frac{5}{6} \times 7\frac{1}{2}\] inches (24.5 × 19.1 cm.). Corners cut.

A number of similar drawings executed with great brio with the point of a brush and lavish applications of dark brown wash have survived. They were clearly produced in the Tiepolo studio, and in the past were attributed without hesitation to Giambattista. Byam Shaw was the first to counsel caution, and he now convincingly attributes this group, which in at least one case involves records of Würzburg motifs, to Domenico (see Byam Shaw, *Domenico Tiepolo*, p. 66).

**Provenance:** Sir Gilbert Lewis; H. Duff Gordon; Tomas Harris, London.

**Bibliography:** A. P. Oppé, “A Fresh Group of Tiepolo Drawings,” *Old Master Drawings*, V, September 1930, p. 31, pl. 11 (as Giambattista).

**Exhibitions:** London, Arts Council, Tiepolo Exhibition, 1955, no. 28.

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251 *The Trinity in Glory*

Pen and brown ink, brown and orange wash, over red chalk, on blue-gray paper. \[10\frac{1}{2} \times 12\frac{3}{4}\] inches (27.3 × 30.6 cm.). Illegible erased inscription at upper right corner. Watermark: letters T G B (see watermark no. 26).

Numbered in black chalk on verso, 4.

Verso: Sketches in pen and brown ink of flying figures.

A study, as Knox pointed out in his catalogue of the Fogg Museum Tiepolo exhibition, for the ceiling of the parish church of Casale sul Sile, datable about 1773–1778 (*Arte Veneta*, XXI, 1967, p. 230, fig. 293). Given the great rarity of composition drawings by Domenico that can be related to specific commissions, this is an important document, and
as well, a specially luminous example of the mature Domenico’s draughtsmanship.

PROVENANCE: Monsignor Antidicola, Rome.


252 Joachim’s Offering Refused

Pen and brown ink, brown, gray, and ochre wash, over black chalk. 18 x 13 5/8 inches (45.7 x 35.4 cm.). Watermark: bow and arrow (or crossbow) over letters A M (see watermark no. 2). Signed at upper left in pen and brown ink on plaque, Domenico Tiepolo f, and in pen and brown ink at left center, Tiepolo.

Byam Shaw estimates that after his return from Spain, Domenico produced at least two hundred and fifty drawings in the large format of this fine example and its fellows in the exhibition, most likely as independent “album drawings,” the kind of work to which he turned his attention as he painted less and less. The largest single group of the Large Biblical Series is the Recueil Fayet, the 138 sheets bound in the folio volume in the Cabinet des Dessins at the Louvre. In the former collection of M. Cormier of Tours, there were an additional 82.

As related in the Book of James in the Apocryphal New Testament, Joachim’s offering was refused because of his childlessness, following which he sojourned in the wilderness in prayer until the Lord hearkened, and he and Anna became the parents of the Virgin Mary.

This sheet provides a classic example of Domenico’s technique of covering his entire sheet with a progression of graded washes, reserving only the most strongly highlighted passages that are left in the white of the paper in effects of remarkable brilliance.


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No. IV, 145

253 The Betrothal of the Virgin

Pen and brown ink, brown wash, over black chalk. 19 x 15 5/8 inches (48.3 x 38.6 cm.). Slight foxing. Watermark: graduated triple crescents (see watermark no. 18). Signed in pen and brown ink on column at right of center, Dom.º Tiepolo f.

Joseph is here singled out as Mary’s successful suitor by the miraculous flowering of his branch while those of the younger men of the House of David remain barren; the Holy Dove hovers above the branch as Joseph clasps the arm of the Virgin in a gesture of espousal.

PROVENANCE: Luzarches, Tours; Roger Cormier, Tours; Cormier sale, Paris, Galerie Georges Petit, April 30, 1921, no. 44; Adrien Fauchier-Magnan, Neuilly-sur-Seine; Fauchier-Magnan sale, London, Sotheby’s, December 4, 1935, no. 61.

BIBLIOGRAPHY: Henri Guerlin, Au Temps du Christ, Giovanni Domenico Tiepolo, Tours, 1921, p. 94, repr.


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254 The Arrival of the Virgin in Bethlehem

Pen and brown ink, brown wash, over black chalk. 18 3/6 x 15 inches (48.1 x 38.1 cm.). Several spots. Watermark: graduated triple crescents (see watermark no. 18). Lined. Signed in pen and brown ink at lower left, Dom.º Tiepolo f.

Since the Virgin carries a staff and there is no sign of the Holy Infant, one assumes that the angel has appeared to assist Mary and Joseph in the last stage of their journey to Bethlehem rather than in their flight from the city. The Oriental horseman is one of Domenico’s stock figures.

EXHIBITIONS: Cincinnati, Lehman Exhibition, 1939, no. 232.

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255 The Flight into Egypt: The Holy Family Leaving Bethlehem

Pen and brown ink, brown wash, over black chalk. 18 3/4 x 14 1/4 inches (47.8 x 36.2 cm.). Stained at center left. Watermark: bow and arrow (or crossbow) over letters M A (Heawood 878; see watermark no. 3).

Signed in pen and brown ink at lower left, Dom. o Tiepolo.

The story is told that Domenico etched his twenty-four variations on the theme of the Flight into Egypt for the express purpose of demonstrating his originality, which had been called into question by a presumptuous patron (see Byam Shaw, Domenico Tiepolo, p. 31). The same subject inspired a number of drawings as well, including ten in the Louvre’s Recueil Fayet and three in the Morgan Library.

Joseph still carries his flowering branch or staff as the Holy Family moves through a wooden gate beyond which one glimpses a wellhead and an ordinary Italian farmhouse. The Virgin and her mount are exact repetitions from Domenico’s etching De Vesme 7.


BIBLIOGRAPHY: Fairfax Murray, IV, 147; Byam Shaw, Domenico Tiepolo, p. 36.

EXHIBITIONS: Ames, Iowa, State University of Iowa, “Six Centuries of Master Drawings,” 1951, no. 109, repr.

The Pierpont Morgan Library
No. IV, 147

257 The Flight into Egypt: The Rest

Pen and brown ink, brown wash, over black chalk. 18 1/2 x 14 3/4 inches (47 x 37.9 cm.). Slight foxing. Watermark: letter W below hand holding sword (see watermark no. 45).

Signed in pen and brown ink at lower left, Dom. o Tiepolo.

The scene is that of the Angel bending the branches of the date palm so that the Child may partake of its fruit. The dotted halo is a not infrequent feature in Domenico’s religious scenes; it also occurs in triangular form.

PROVENANCE: Luzarches, Tours; Roger Cormier, Tours; Cormier sale, Paris, Galerie Georges Petit, April 30, 1921, possibly no. 54.

Robert Lehman Collection

258 The Death of St. Joseph

Pen and brown ink, brown wash, over black chalk. 18 1/4 x 14 1/4 inches (46.4 x 36.2 cm.), sight. Repaired tear at left margin; hole above center at left margin; slight foxing.

Signed in pen and brown ink at lower left, Dom. o Tiepolo.

In scenes where brick or masonry is used as in this interior, Domenico has no hesitation in lightening his task by extensive use of the ruler.

PROVENANCE: Luzarches, Tours; Roger Cormier, Tours; Cormier sale, Paris, Galerie Georges Petit, April 30, 1921, possibly no. 68.

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259 St. Peter Healing the Lame Man at the Beautiful Gate

Pen and brown ink, brown wash, over black chalk. 18 7/8 x 14 3/4 inches (46 x 35.7 cm.). Watermark: letter W below hand holding sword (see watermark no. 45).

Inscribed by the artist on plaque at right, Porta / Spetiosa.
The friezelike arrangement of a crowd of figures in the lower two-fifths of the sheet, leaving a lofty space above, is a compositional device often favored by Domenico in the Large Biblical Series (cf. No. 253). The story of the healing of the lame man is recounted in Acts 3: 1–7.


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No. IV, 150

260 Scene of Contemporary Life: At the Dressmaker’s

Pen and brown ink, gray-brown, gray, and ochre wash, over black chalk. 11 3/4 x 16 3/4 inches (29.8 x 42.8 cm.). Watermark: monogram (see watermark no. 40).

Signed in pen and brown ink at lower left, Dom.° Tiepolo f. 1791.

It is in his genre subjects that Domenico, both as painter and as draughtsman, makes his distinctive contribution to the art of eighteenth-century Venice. This diverting composition and the following seven belong to the considerable sequence of finished independent drawings of similar format that mirror the contemporary Venetian scene with delightful wit and an occasional twist of caricature. Some twenty of these contemporary life drawings, like this one and Nos. 261 and 262, are dated 1791, and it seems clear that most of the others were produced in the last decades of the eighteenth century and the first years of the nineteenth.

The fact that the dressmaker’s assistant stands by holding a large bundle of what one supposes might be samples of materials suggests that the modiste has come to the house of her client rather than that the tousled young hoyden and her chaperon have traveled to the dressmaker’s. Like the more elaborate companion subject, At the Milliner’s in the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, the drawing has been given a charming lightness through the use of an additional wash, almost apricot in hue, to vary the customary browns and grays.


The Pierpont Morgan Library
Gift of the Fellows, 1967.22

261 Scene of Contemporary Life: A Visit to a Lawyer

Pen and brown ink, gray-brown and gray wash, over black chalk. 11 3/4 x 16 1/2 inches (29.8 x 41.9 cm.). Watermark: monogram (see watermark no. 40).

Signed and dated in pen and brown ink at upper left, . . . on Tiepolo f. / 1791; variously inscribed by the artist on the papers, books, and folios.

The older man and woman sitting at opposite ends of the document-strewn table, she in the company of a foppish young gentleman, are clearly parties to a dispute involving their private life. The inscription on a document held by the clerk on the left would seem to indicate that the matter will be settled out of court to the advantage of the complacent young man. In any event, the rakish lawyer, informally attired in dressing gown and cap, does not stand to lose whatever the outcome.

As a part of the setting, Domenico shows a framed representation of the Virgin and Child similar to the compositions he and his father used in their paintings. The spatial ambiguity in the right background suggests that the draughtsman laid down his pen before he had completed the window at the right through which one is intended to glimpse the large building outside.

262. Scene of Contemporary Life: A School

Pen and brown ink, brown and gray wash, over black chalk. 14 1/2 x 19 9/16 inches (36.8 x 50.2 cm.). Small stains. Watermark: graduated triple crescents over letters IM...RIAL (see watermark no. 20).

Signed and dated in pen and light brown ink at upper right, Tiepolo 1791; signed again in pen and dark brown ink at upper right, Dom.° Tiepolo f.

On a raised platform at the left, the aged reading master hears the lesson of a young disciple while another less successful reader kneels beside him wearing a dunce's cap. Across the room, older pupils sit at a table practising their penmanship under the supervision of the bespectacled writing master. Other pupils, some with their parents, await their turn in a sequence of amusing back views that may well have had their inspiration in Giovanni Battista's volumes of caricatures, from which Domenico openly lifted an occasional figure. As is sometimes the case, Domenico has here signed twice.


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264. Scene of Contemporary Life: The Presentation of the Fiancée

Pen and brown ink, gray wash, over black chalk. 11 5/8 x 16 inches (28.7 x 40.6 cm.), sight.

The charms of the young lady on display here obviously meet with the unqualified approval of the large woman seated with a small boy at her side. Presumably, she is the young lady’s prospective mother-in-law. The subject—which has also been described as The Matchmaker—provides an interesting and perhaps intentional contrast with the mood of the following drawing in which there is a less cordial reception for the fiancé. The squat figure of the maid on the left, perhaps a hunchback, is a replica of Domenico's red and white chalk drawing from the Gatteri sketchbook in the Correr Museum, Venice (repr. G. Lorenzetti, Quaderno dei Tiepolo... , Venice, 1946, no. 75).

PROVENANCE: Martin Wilson.

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265. Scene of Contemporary Life: The Presentation of the Fiancée

Pen and gray-brown ink, gray wash, over black chalk. 14 5/8 x 19 9/16 inches (37.2 x 50.2 cm.). Some spots of wash in upper half of sheet; brown spot at left margin. Watermark: crescent above crown and H F IMPERIAL (Hewood 884; see watermark no. 22).

Numbered in black chalk at upper left corner, 7 H [?].

Neither the apparently enceinte woman nor her small spaniel appear to welcome the diffident suitor...
approaching, nosegay in hand, in the company of his young lady. The couple would seem to be considering the matrimonial experience, of which the pregnant woman’s downturned mouth, just visible beneath the rim of her great bonnet, suggests a jaundiced view on her part.


BIBLIOGRAPHY: “Quelques Tableaux et dessins vénitiens du XVIIIe siècle,” L’Oeil, March 1967, no. 147, p. 12, repr.

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266 Scene of Contemporary Life: Two Ladies with Their Cavaliers before a Fountain

Pen and brown ink, brown wash, over black chalk. 11 1/2 x 16 7/8 inches (29.2 x 41.6 cm.), sight.

Signed in pen and brown ink at lower right, Dom. Tiepolo f.

The two ladies seated in a sculpture garden before a modified version of Palladio’s Villa Rotonda are, together with their cavaliers, almost exact counterparts of the spectators studying the sculptures in the Actaeon Statue (repr. Byam Shaw, Domenico Tiepolo, no. 69), a drawing Byam Shaw dates about 1800 on the basis of the ladies’ costume. Indeed, the two drawings might be considered a pair. The same two ladies also appear in the Café on the Quay-Side (repr. Byam Shaw, Domenico Tiepolo, no. 71). Hercules’ androgynous opponent in the fountain group is possibly meant to be the Queen of the Amazons, although there is no sign of the girdle the hero steals from her; if the opponent is regarded as Antaeus, it is strange that Hercules pins him to the earth, which is the source of his strength, rather than holds him aloft.


Mrs. Douglas Williams

267 Scene of Contemporary Life: Bagpiper, with a Bear, Passing Peasants on a Mountain Road

Pen and brown ink, brown wash, over black chalk. 11 3/4 x 16 9/8 inches (29.8 x 42.1 cm.). Watermark: bow and arrow (or crossbow) above the letters M A (Heawood 878; see watermark no. 3).

Domenico’s representations of the contemporary scene include subjects drawn from the life of the peasants or the gypsies on the Venetian mainland. He devoted several sheets to itinerant showmen like the present bagpiper leading a bear on a rope. The identical animal, in fact, occurs in Dancing Bears and Monkeys, formerly in the Beurdle collection (repr. Byam Shaw, no. 64).

PROVENANCE: Tomas Harris, London.

BIBLIOGRAPHY: Byam Shaw, Domenico Tiepolo, p. 48.


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268 Resting Traveler Watching Dogs at Play

Pen and brown ink, brown wash, over black chalk. 11 7/8 x 16 9/8 inches (30.2 x 42.2 cm.). Watermark: monogram (see watermark no. 40).

Signed in pen and brown ink at lower right, Dom. Tiepolo f.

Verso: Black chalk tracing of barking dog at right on recto.

A surprisingly large number of Domenico’s drawings are devoted to animal subjects that he usually drew, as Byam Shaw has demonstrated, not from life but from such sources as the prints of Stefano della Bella or of an animalier like Johann Elias Ridinger of Augsburg. Many are renderings of one or two individual animals, but there are, as well, large compositions with landscape backgrounds as in this assemblage of gamboling dogs. Domenico often depicted the whippet or Italian greyhound, which appears here in the coy group in the center foreground. The pair of dogs on the hillock at the top of the sheet also occurs in a drawing at the Ashmolean Museum, Oxford (Byam Shaw, Domenico Tiepolo, pl. 50).

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269 The Marriage Feast of Punchinello’s Parents

Pen and brown ink, brown wash, over black chalk. 13 7/8 x 18 3/4 inches (35.2 x 47.2 cm.). No. 5 of the series. Foxing throughout sheet; creases and some abrasions at upper right. Watermark: monogram (see watermark no. 41).

Signed in pen and brown ink at lower right, Dom. Tiepolo f.; numbered in pen and brown ink at upper left, 5.

The latest and most complete of all Domenico’s various series of drawings is the celebrated Punchinello cycle of 104 drawings, which he entitled Divertimento per li Ragazzi (Entertainment for Children). The series was produced at the very end of the artist’s life, probably just a few years before his death in 1804 when he was living in retirement in the family villa at Zianigo. There he had earlier (1793) frescoed the “Camera dei Pagliacci” with scenes of the daily life of Punchinello and his fellows. The hero of the drawing series is also this Italian comedy character, who was first introduced on the stage by the Neapolitan actor Silvio Fiorillo around 1660. His history as illustrated by Domenico follows no known text.

At some point, the drawings were numbered in the upper left margin, whether by Domenico or his heirs is not known, but Byam Shaw points out that the order of the original sequence was probably somewhat different. In several instances drawings that would appear to belong to one category of subjects sometimes have numbers that place them out of character. The drawings of the present exhibition are listed in the order of their old numbers in the series with three exceptions.

Byam Shaw suggests that this drawing, which as no. 5 comes very early in the sequence, represents the wedding banquet, not of Punchinello himself, but of his parents. It looks back to the great feasts of Veronese. A drawing of the same subject, with the diners identically arranged but without the presence of the Punchinellows, was sold at Sotheby’s in 1965 (repr. sale, November 11, 1965, no. 19).


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270 The Pregnancy of Punchinello’s Mother

Pen and brown ink, brown wash, over black chalk. 13 7/8 x 18 3/4 inches (35.2 x 46.8 cm.). No. 15 of the series. Slight foxing. Watermark: crescent (see watermark no. 13).

Signed in pen and brown ink at lower left, Dom. Tiepolo f.; numbered in pen and brown ink at upper left, 15.

This subject has also been identified as the Indisposition of Punchinello’s Mistress, but its early number places it with the group of drawings Byam Shaw puts together under the heading “The Ancestry, Childhood and Youthful Amusements of Punchinello.”


Exhibitions: Chicago, Tiepolo Exhibition, 1938, no. 104.

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271 Punchinello as a Baby in Bed with His Parents

Pen and brown ink, brown wash, over black chalk. 13 7/8 x 18 3/4 inches (35.1 x 46.7 cm.). No. 8 of the series. Foxing. Watermark: coat of arms (see watermark no. 10).

Numbered in pen and brown ink at upper left corner, 8.

The presence of Punchinello’s father in the bed is the only irregular note in this scene that harks back to traditional representations of biblical birth scenes. Punchinello begins life as an ordinary-looking infant, only his rather large nose indicating the shape of things to come. When he is wrapped in his swaddling clothes, apparently held here by the taller of the maidservants, he will be wearing a mask (see the Nursing of Punchinello, formerly in the Reinling collection, which Byam Shaw reproduces as plate 84). The figure of the veiled woman seated at the right is an instance of Domenico’s numerous borrowings from himself; she occurs earlier as the duenna in At the Dressmaker’s, 1791 (No. 260).


Bibliography: Byam Shaw, Domenico Tiepolo, indirect reference on p. 55.

Robert Lehman Collection
272 **Punchinello Takes Part in a "Triumph of Flora"**

Pen and brown ink, brown wash, over black chalk. 11 1/2 x 16 1/4 inches (29.2 x 41.3 cm.). No. 26 of the series.

Domenico amused himself by parodying his father’s *Triumph of Flora*, the painting commissioned in 1743 by Francesco Algarotti for Count Brühl, which is now in the M. H. de Young Memorial Museum, San Francisco (Morassi, 1962, fig. 354). He may have had before him the engraving by G. Leonardis (1766) after Algarotti’s watercolor ricordo of the picture Giambattista had painted when Domenico was still in his teens.


**EXHIBITIONS:** London, Arts Council, Tiepolo Exhibition, 1955, no. 67, pl. iii.

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274 **Punchinello Felling a Tree**

Pen and brown ink, brown wash, over black chalk. 13 3/4 x 18 1/4 inches (35.4 x 47.3 cm.). No. 40 of the series. Watermark: graduated triple crescents (see watermark no. 19).

Signed in pen and brown ink at lower left, Dom.º Tiepolo f; numbered in pen and brown ink at upper left corner, 40.

The drum in the foreground and the sprinkling of girls in the crowd of Punchinellos might indicate that the tree felling was an occasion for merry-making as well as the gathering of wood. Punchinello, his axe on his shoulder, rests his foot on a neat bundle of faggots.

**PROVENANCE:** Anonymous collection, London; sale, London, Sotheby’s, July 6, 1920, part of lot 41; Richard Owen, Paris; sale, Paris, Palais Galliera, December 6, 1966, no. 11, repr.

*Robert Lehman Collection*

273 **Punchinello Riding an Ass in a Procession of His Fellows**

Pen and brown ink, brown and yellow-brown wash, over black chalk. 10 3/4 x 15 1/2 inches (27.3 x 40.3 cm.), sight. No. 28 of the series. Crease at lower left margin; water stain at lower right.

Signed in pen and brown ink at lower left, D. Tiepolo f.

The presence of the antique altar at the left suggests some kind of mock ceremonial rite to which Punchinello either contributes—or from which he removes—the morsel he brandishes on a fork.


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275 **Punchinelllos Resting Outside the Circus**

Pen and brown ink, brown wash, over black chalk. 13 3/4 x 18 1/4 inches (34.9 x 46.4 cm.). No. 50 of the series. Water stain at upper left. Watermark: crest (see watermark no. 13).

Signed in pen and brown ink on paper attached to fence, Dom.º Tiepolo f; numbered in pen and brown ink at upper left corner, 50.

At least one of the spectators standing outside the circus is peering through a crack or knothole in the wooden barrier for a preliminary glimpse of the elephant advertised on the placard at the upper center and fully seen in the following drawing. Byam Shaw points out that the boy with the lantern on the left occurs earlier in two Contemporary Life scenes, the *Arrival by Gondola* in Rotterdam and the drawing sold at Sotheby’s on July 6, 1967, as lot 43.


**BIBLIOGRAPHY:** Byam Shaw, *Domenico Tiepolo*, p. 56.

**EXHIBITIONS:** Paris, Musée Carnavalet, “Chefs-d’oeuvre des collections parisiennes,” 1950, no. 147.

*Robert Lehman Collection*
276 Punchinello with an Elephant

Pen and brown ink, brown and ochre wash, over black chalk. 11 5/8 x 16 3/8 inches (29.4 x 41.1 cm.). Slight foxing. Watermark: graduated triple crescents (see watermark no. 16).

Signed in pen and brown ink on scroll at upper center, Dom.º Tiepolo; numbered in pen and brown ink on verso at lower left corner, 4.

This drawing, which does not carry one of the old series numbers, came to the Morgan Library with the Fairfax Murray collection in 1910 and so was not, like the others exhibited here, among the series of 102 Punchinello drawings (plus the title page) sold at Sotheby’s on July 6, 1920, as lot 41. The possibility remains, however, that originally it may have been a part of the series and was detached from the group some time prior to 1910. Although the title page of the series, which is now in the Nelson Gallery, Kansas City, specifies Carte no. 104, only 103 drawings, including the title page, were sold at Sotheby’s in 1920. It is, in any case, a very logical companion for the preceding drawing and the others of circus scenes. According to Byam Shaw, the drawings numbered 38–39 and 45–46 of the series also depict circus subjects.


EXHIBITIONS: Chicago, Tiepolo Exhibition, 1938, no. 113.

The Pierpont Morgan Library
No. IV, 151b

278 Punchinello as a Dressmaker

Pen and brown ink, brown wash, over black chalk. 13 7/8 x 18 3/4 inches (35.2 x 46.8 cm.). No. 12 of the series. Watermark: graduated triple crescents (close to watermark no. 18).

Numbered in pen and brown ink at upper left corner, 12.

While Punchinello fits the new dress on his stocky client in a rococo interior, his assistant carries off the old garments made of the familiar striped Venetian stuff, of which Domenico seldom fails to include a length as a skirt, a waistcoat, a jacket, hose, a scarf, an Oriental’s robe, or camel’s saddle cloth. This and Nos. 259 and 271 are among the few instances in which Domenico neglected to sign his finished work.


BIBLIOGRAPHY: Byam Shaw, Domenico Tiepolo, p. 56.

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279 Punchinello as a Portrait Painter

Pen and brown ink, brown and yellow-brown wash, over black chalk. 12 x 16 3/4 inches (30.5 x 42.6 cm.). No. 70 of the series. Slight foxing; dark brown stain on easel.

Signed in pen and brown ink at lower left, Dom.º Tiepolo f.

In a composition blending faint reminiscences of his father’s paintings of Alexander and Campaspe in the Studio of Apelles (Morassi, 1955, colorplate 11; 1962, fig. 284), Domenico shows Punchinello taking the measure of a sitter who seems to be identical with the “Flora” of No. 272. At the right,
his assistant grinds the colors. In no. 71 of the series Punchinello appears as a painter of histories.


BIBLIOGRAPHY: Byam Shaw, Domenico Tiepolo, under no. 89.

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280 Punchinello Retrieving Dead Fowl from a Well

Pen and brown ink, brown wash, over black chalk. 13 3/8 x 18 3/8 inches (33.5 x 46.8 cm.). No. 83 of the series. Watermark: graduated triple crescents (see watermark no. 19).

Signed in pen and brown ink at lower right, Dom. Tiepolo f.; numbered in pen and brown ink at upper left corner, 83.

The miscreant responsible for this incident may well be the small Punchinello who is being unceremoniously removed from the scene at the right. The gesture of the young woman suggests that the fowl have been in the well for some time.


EXHIBITIONS: Chicago, Tiepolo Exhibition, 1938, no. 112; Cincinnati, Lehman Exhibition, 1959, no. 233, repr.

Robert Lehman Collection

281 Punchinello at a Flogging

Pen and brown ink, brown wash, over black chalk; several of the masks touched in yellow-brown wash. 13 3/8 x 18 1/2 inches (33.4 x 47.3 cm.). No. 85 of the series. Watermark: crowned eagle above letters G F A (see watermark no. 23).

Signed in pen and brown ink at lower right, Dom. Tiepolo f.; numbered in pen and brown ink at upper left corner, 85.

Since its old number closely follows that of the preceding drawing, it is logical to assume that the punishment meted out here is a consequence of the action there. The Punchinello being publicly flogged, however, is clearly not the small personage of the other drawing. The figure at the far right is identically posed in No. 275.


Robert Lehman Collection

282 Punchinello’s Picking Fruit and Quarreling in a Garden

Pen and brown ink, brown wash, over black chalk. 11 1/6 x 16 inches (29.2 x 40.6 cm.), sight. No. 88 of the series. Light foxing in upper half of the sheet.

Signed in pen and brown ink at lower right, Dom. Tiepolo f.

This scene of pilfering at the edge of a charming villa garden is notably fresh in its preservation.


Mr. and Mrs. E. Powis Jones

283 Burial of Punchinello

Pen and brown ink, brown wash, over black chalk; several of the masks touched in yellow-brown wash. 13 3/8 x 18 1/2 inches (33.4 x 47.3 cm.). No. 103 of the series. Slight foxing. Watermark: graduated triple crescents (see watermark no. 18).

Signed in pen and brown ink at lower left, Dom. Tiepolo f.; numbered in pen and brown ink at upper left, 103.

The end of Punchinello’s story is heralded in the drawing numbered 82, formerly in the collection of Sir Osbert Sitwell, in which he suffers a seizure. Thenceforth, he declines until he is seen on his death bed attended by doctors with asses’ ears and then by priests administering the Sacrament. In the drawing numbered 100, his coffin is placed on the funeral gondola for transport to the place of burial represented here.


Robert Lehman Collection

284 Apparition of Punchinello’s Skeleton at His Tomb

Pen and brown ink, brown wash, over black chalk. 12 × 16¼ inches (30.5 × 42.9 cm.), sight. No. 102 of the series.

Signed in pen and brown ink at lower right corner, Do: Tiepolo f.

Byam Shaw has recently noted in correspondence that in this scene of Punchinello’s macabre curtain call, Domenico freely adapted the motif of the skeleton crawling up to the tomb from an engraving by Giorgio Ghisi after G. B. Bertano dated 1554 (Bartsch, XV, p. 413, no. 69). The caryatid on the tomb corresponds exactly to that detail in the print.


Mr. and Mrs. Jacob M. Kaplan

Ubaldino Gandolfi

S. Matteo della Decima 1728–Ravenna 1781

286 Design for a Door Knocker

Pen and brown ink, brown wash, over black chalk. 11⅛ × 8⅛ inches (29.5 × 21 cm.). Several stains; small tears at margins; slight foxing. Watermark: anchor in a circle with letters B M below.

Inscribed in red chalk at lower right, G. Bologna; on verso in pen and brown ink, Gand...

The mistaken attribution of this ornamental design to the sixteenth-century sculptor Giambologna is understandable; the scheme, involving a male head biting the tails of two dolphins, who in turn bite the head of an anguished man below, might be considered a typically mannerist conceit. The draughtsmanship, however, has nothing to do with that of Giambologna, and it was J. Byam Shaw who recognized here the hand of the eighteenth-century Bolognese Ubaldino Gandolfi, himself a designer of amusing ornamental schemes. It is sometimes difficult to distinguish the pen drawings of Ubaldino from those of his younger brother Gaetano (see Nos. 289, 290, and 291), but those of Ubaldino often have the rather wiry elegance that characterizes this sheet.


Mr. and Mrs. A. Hyatt Mayor

Francesco Casanova

London 1727–Brühl (Vienna) 1802

285 Pastoral Landscape

Brush and brown wash, over black chalk. 18⅝ × 23⅛ inches (47.3 × 60.2 cm.). The decorative border, washed in green, is drawn on the sheet itself. Several spots. Lined.

Francesco Casanova was nearly as peripatetic as his celebrated elder brother, the writer and adventurer Jacopo Casanova. Born in England of Italian parents, Francesco’s first artistic training was Italian, but he worked in Dresden and in Paris, where he was admitted to the Académie Royale in 1763. His specialties were many, but he is best known for his battle and genre scenes, in which the influence of Jacques Courtois matches that of Dutch painting of the seventeenth century. In the present drawing the example of Nicolaes Berchem is apparent in the feathery chalk line that contrasts so happily with transparent, atmospheric brown wash.

The green wash bordering band surrounding the drawing was drawn by the artist himself on the original sheet, and the presence of this autograph “mount” testifies that the landscape was executed as an end in itself rather than as a preparatory study for a picture, a custom that becomes increasingly current as the eighteenth century goes on.

Robert and Bertina Suida Manning
Pier Antonio Novelli
Venice 1729–Venice 1804

287 Bacchante with Two Infant Fauns
Pen and brown ink. 15 7/8 x 9 1/4 inches (39.9 x 24.9 cm.). Lined.
Inscribed in pen and dark brown ink at center of lower margin: Pierantonio Novelli Veneziano.

Although Novelli’s paintings are to be seen hanging in Venetian churches, and he worked diligently as a book illustrator, he appears nowhere to better advantage than in a finished drawing like this one vouched for by the “Reliable Venetian Hand” in the inscription at the lower center. He was a pupil of Diziani, but his extensive use of close parallel hatching in airy, rhythmic patterns recalls similar effects in Fontebasso’s draughtsmanship.

PROVENANCE: “Reliable Venetian Hand” (Lugt 3005c–d); Charles Fairfax Murray; purchased by J. Pierpont Morgan in London, 1910.

BIBLIOGRAPHY: Fairfax Murray, IV, 153, repr. (as F. Novelli).

EXHIBITIONS: Venice, Disegni di una collezione veneziana del Settecento, 1966, no. 179, repr.

The Pierpont Morgan Library
No. IV, 153

Gaetano Gandolfi
S. Matteo della Decima 1734–Bologna 1802

289 Noah
Black chalk, stumped, heightened with white, on buff paper. 16 3/4 x 12 3/4 inches (42.6 x 32.8 cm.). Overall foxing; small losses at upper left edge, center left edge, and upper right corner; abrasion. Watermark: word Pontecchio on a banner.

This and the following drawing are typical of the felicitous chalk draughtsmanship with its easy control of the figure that marks Gaetano as the very last of the followers of the Carracci. Both drawings are studies for the fresco decoration of the cupola of S. Maria della Vita at Bologna, executed between 1776 and 1779.


The Pierpont Morgan Library
Gift of the Fellows, 1957

Fedele Fischetti
Naples 1734–Naples 1789

288 Design for a Ceiling: The Age of Gold
Pen, black and gray ink, gray wash, over traces of black chalk. 13 7/8 x 18 3/4 inches (34.6 x 46 cm.). Rose-colored wash over inscription at lower left. Several spots and stains; upper margin cut to shape of arch.

Inscribed in pen and brown ink at lower left, Volta dipinta nella stanza di Conversazione del Real Palazzo di Caserta: F.F. Inº.

As the old inscription points out, this is a study for a ceiling fresco in one of the small rooms in the Queen’s Apartments in the royal palace at Caserta, where Saturn is seen surrounded by festive nymphs and youths. Fischetti, a late eighteenth-century Neapolitan decorator who worked extensively at Caserta, verges on the neoclassical as painter and draughtsman, but his pen line derives from the elegant example of Solimena.


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290 Joshua
Black chalk, heightened with white, on beige paper. 16 1/2 x 12 3/4 inches (41.9 x 31 cm.). Several creases; repairs at left and right margins. Lined.

See No. 289. Joshua is identified by the sun reflected in his shield, a reference to the day when the Lord fought for Israel and “the sun stood still and the moon stayed, until the people had avenged them—
selves upon their enemies” (Joshua 10: 12–14). Mr. Gurney also owns a further study for the cupola fresco of S. Maria della Vita, Bologna, the figure of a turbaned prophet, seen from behind, seated on clouds, and there is yet another of angels in the Morgan Library (Inv. 1957.8). Other drawings for the same project are in the Ashmolean Museum, Oxford.

Donald P. Gurney

291 Apelles Painting Campaspe

Black chalk, heightened with white, on brownish paper. 12 3/8 × 16 7/8 inches (30.6 × 42.9 cm.). Foxing. Watermark: anchor in a circle with a star above and the initials G L below.

Inscribed in black chalk on verso, G. Cfi f. 1797.

The figures here have a smooth, porcelainlike finish that gives them a suitably neoclassic air. Gandolfi simplified Bolognese academic methods of draughtsmanship that went back to the example of the Carracci, reducing these methods to a series of intelligent, attractive, if rather superficial conventions. The drawing was one of a series of four composition drawings, exhibited together in London in 1962. The others represent the Rape of the Sabines, the Death of Germanicus, and Tullia Driving over the Body of Her Father. An earlier representation, dated 1793, of the present subject with notable variants in the composition was in a private collection in Bologna (Lidia Bianchi, I Gandolfi, Rome, 1936, pl. xlviii).


The Metropolitan Museum of Art Rogers Fund, 62.132.3

Jacopo Palmieri
Bologna 1737–Turin 1809

293 Trompe-l’Oeil Exercise: A Group of Prints

Pen and brown ink, brown wash. 16 1/4 × 22 3/4 inches (41.3 × 56 cm.).

Signed and dated in pen and brown ink left of center, P. Palmieri Fecit 1766, at lower left, Pietro Giacomo Palmieri Disegnò a Penna L’anno 1766; various inscriptions by Palmieri identifying prints represented.

An amusing graphic tour de force by the Piedmontese Palmieri who, not surprisingly, was professor of draughtsmanship at the University of Turin. The prints that figure here, inscribed with the signatures of Berchem, Della Bella, Callot, and Jean Pesne, are in most cases not exact “reproductions.” Palmieri has, for example, added an earring to Della Bella’s mustachioed Turk, and the Jean

Lorenzo Baldissera Tiepolo
Venice 1736–Madrid 1776

292 Head of a Bearded Man in a Turban

Black and white chalk, on gray paper. 15 3/8 × 11 inches (39.2 × 27.9 cm.). Waterstains; losses at three corners. Lined.

Among the hundreds of chalk drawings surviving from the studio of the Tiepolos, scholars have in recent years assigned a certain number to Giambattista’s younger son Lorenzo. Usually these drawings are studies of heads, executed in varying combinations of red, black, and white chalks, sometimes with the addition of blue; some, like the Head of St. Anne in the Scholz collection, New York (repr. Fogg, Tiepolo Exhibition, 1970, no. 69), and a drawing in the Rasini collection, Milan, are inscribed with Lorenzo’s name in an old hand. The Morgan drawing was assigned to Lorenzo by Ter-sio Pignatti on the basis of its relationship to two works: a painting of an Oriental he attributed to Lorenzo in the Ca’ Rezzonico (repr., Mostra del Tiepolo, Venice, 1951, no. 71) and a superior drawing of the same subject at Weimar, presumably Lorenzo’s model, which he attributes to Giambattista. For a second Morgan drawing attributed to Lorenzo (Inv. IV, 144) and various others in American and European collections, see Knox’s catalogue of the 1970 Fogg exhibition (nos. 63–69).


The Pierpont Morgan Library
No. IV, 144a
Pesne *View of a Lake with Bathers* is a pastiche of a reproductive print after Guercino. In No. 294 Palmieri includes for good measure three prints that he attributes, in their inscriptions, to himself.

**PROVENANCE:** Sir Bruce Ingram (Lugt S. 1405a on old mount); Carl Winter (his mark, CWR, at lower right); sale, London, Sotheby's, July 1, 1965, no. 82; purchased by the Metropolitan Museum in New York, 1969.

*The Metropolitan Museum of Art Rogers Fund, 69.14.1*

294 *Trompe-l'Oeil Exercise: A Group of Prints*

Pen and brown ink, brown wash. 16 7/8 x 22 3/8 inches (42.8 x 57 cm.).

Signed and dated in pen and brown ink at left of center, *Pietro Giacomo Palmieri Inventò, e Fece a Penna 1766*; various inscriptions by Palmieri identifying prints represented.

See No. 293.

**PROVENANCE:** Sir Bruce Ingram (Lugt S. 1405a on old mount); Carl Winter (his mark, CWR, at lower right); sale, London, Sotheby's, July 1, 1965, no. 81; purchased by the Metropolitan Museum in New York, 1969.

*The Metropolitan Museum of Art Rogers Fund, 69.14.2*

Giuseppe Cades
Rome 1750–Rome 1799

295 *The Virgin Immaculate*

Pen and brown ink, brown and a little gray wash, over black chalk. 17 5/8 x 12 1/8 inches (44.8 x 30.8 cm.).

Inscribed in pen and black ink on verso, *Cerubino Alberti (Borghegianio); unidentified collector's mark at lower right.

The very linear character of this design is evidence of Cades's neoclassic partialities. The composition is no doubt studied for an altarpiece, but no such picture is recorded. That it was the subject of some study on Cades's part is made clear by the fact that, as Anthony Clark points out, there is a chalk study for the same composition among a large group of drawings by Cades in the Museu Nacional de Arte Antigua in Lisbon (No. 2093). In addition he calls attention to another version in pen with slight variations, which is recorded in a photograph in the Witt Library, London. The present whereabouts of this last drawing is unknown.

Cades represents the Virgin holding the Child, standing above a crescent moon, and attended by an angel on the right who offers a symbolic basket full of human hearts, while at the left a youth protected by the Virgin recoils before a dragon symbolizing evil.

**PROVENANCE:** Private collection, Vienna; purchased by the Metropolitan Museum in London, 1970.


*The Metropolitan Museum of Art Rogers Fund, 1970.113.2*

296 *Two Monks Kneeling before the Virgin*

Pen and gray ink, gray wash, colored chalks, over black chalk. 17 1/2 x 11 1/2 inches (44.3 x 29.2 cm.). Both lower corners cut; repaired tear at left margin; several spots of wash. Watermark: shield with crown above, letter W below.

Signed and dated in black chalk at lower right corner, G. Cades 1791; inscribed in pen and brown ink on separate sheet attached to verso, *Disegno di Giuseppe Cades eseguito nel quadro da esso fatto in S. Andrea delle Fratte Sua Parocchia.*

The old inscription on the verso of this sheet correctly identifies the drawing as Cades's study for an altarpiece in S. Andrea delle Fratte, Rome, representing, as Anthony Clark points out, the Virgin appearing to two members of the Order of Minims, the Blessed Caspar de Bono and the Blessed Nicolas Saggio da Longobardi. S. Andrea delle Fratte was and is the Roman church of the Minims, a Franciscan split-off group founded by St. Francis of Paola.

**EXHIBITIONS:** Providence, Rhode Island School of Design, "The Age of Canova," 1937, no. 46, repr.

*Janos Scholz*
Giuseppe Bernardino Bison
Palmanova (Friuli) 1762–Milan 1844

297 Scene of Antique Sacrifice
Pen and brown ink, brown and pink wash. 9 3/4 × 13 3/4 inches (24.7 × 34.7 cm.).
Inscribed in pen and brown ink at lower left, G. Bison Veneziano.

Bison, a minor Venetian decorative painter who lived on well into the nineteenth century, was a virtuoso draughtsman who produced innumerable charming, if rather insignificant, pen sketches. The present example is a more elaborate exercise in a neoclassic vein, a pastiche of an antique relief, carried off with much brio.


The Metropolitan Museum of Art Rogers Fund, 1970.177

Francesco Tironi
Venice after 1750–Venice 1800

298 The Meeting of Pius VI and the Doge on the Island of S. Giorgio in Alga
Pen and brown and black inks, brown and gray wash, touched with white. 13 3/4 × 18 1/8 inches (34.7 × 47.5 cm.).
Slight foxing; cleavage within support at lower left corner. Watermark: coat of arms enclosing fleur-de-lis (close to Heawood 1743).

Tironi, a lesser vedutist and imitator of Canaletto, is chiefly known through his twenty-four views of the islands of the Venetian Lagoon, which were engraved by Antonio Sandi and published in 1779, but ever since Hermann Voss’s initial researches in the twenties (“Francesco Tironi . . .,” Zeitschrift für bildende Kunst, LXI, 1927–1928, pp. 266–270), scholars have been adding to the number of his somewhat prosaic but not uninteresting drawings. There are examples at the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, the Albertina, the Victoria and Albert Museum, the Whitworth Art Gallery, and the Robert Lehman Collection. W. G. Constable first identified the present drawing and another in the Morgan Library as the work of Tironi. The drawing represents the meeting of Pius VI and the doge before the church of S. Maria di Nazareth on the island of S. Giorgio in Alga, so called because of the seaweed that accumulates on its shores. This event was also the subject of one of four paintings by Francesco Guardi (Moschini, Guardi, pl. 156) commemorating the Pope’s sojourn at Venice in the spring of 1782 during the course of his trip to Vienna to see the Emperor Joseph II. The Library’s second sheet likewise records an event of this visit, the benediction of Pius VI delivered from a loggia in the Campo SS. Giovanni e Paolo.

One of Sandi’s engravings shows S. Maria di Nazareth from a slightly different viewpoint, without the religious gathering.


BIBLIOGRAPHY: Pignatti, Disegni veneziani, p. 204.

The Pierpont Morgan Library
No. IV, 141c

Antonio Terreni, attributed to
Active Livorno after 1750

299 A Ball at the Pitti Palace, May 31, 1785
Pen and brown ink, brown wash, and tempera. 20 3/8 × 29 inches (51.7 × 73.7 cm.). Edges abraded; small repair at right-hand margin. Lined.


The artist who left this sparkling record of an enchanted May evening at the Pitti Palace and Boboli
Gardens in Florence was tentatively identified almost a half century ago by Odoardo H. Giglioli as Antonio Terreni. There are a number of drawings by this artist at the Uffizi, and while they are sketches of an ornamental type for ceilings and related decorations, Dr. Anna Forlani Tempesti reports that, judging on the basis of a photograph, the handling is not unlike that of the present drawing.

In recent correspondence, Dr. Marco Chiarini suggested that the draughtsman might be the better-known Giuseppe Maria Terreni (1739–1811), the fresco ornament painter who was variously employed by the Grand Duke of Tuscany and members of his court. If it is indeed he, the border may represent the shade of green to which he gave his name. When there is an opportunity to compare the present sheet with his tempera works in the Museo Topografico Fiorentino, Florence, it may be possible to establish its attribution more firmly.

His Royal Highness who was the host on this colorful occasion was Leopold, first Grand Duke of Tuscany and brother of Queen Marie-Antoinette of France; the royal guests whom he honored were his sister Queen Marie-Caroline and her husband, King Ferdinand of the Two Sicilies.

The drawing has long been in the Morgan Library but the source from which it was acquired is not known.

PROVENANCE: J. Pierpont Morgan; J. P. Morgan.

The Pierpont Morgan Library
Transfer No. 1962.5

Domenico Mondo
Died Naples 1806

300 Battle at a Bridge

Pen and brown ink, gray and brown wash, heightened with white. 8 3/4 x 12 3/4 inches (20.3 x 30.6 cm.). Small tears and losses at margins; crease at lower right margin.

Domenico Mondo, as Walter Vitzthum points out, was the last and, as a draughtsman, the most brilliant of Solimena’s artistic heirs. Mondo’s drawing style involves a radical simplification of Solimena’s elegant contour line and dramatic chiaroscuro. Contour is indicated by staccato dots, and wash is applied with wild abandon. A similar battle scene, in a Neapolitan tradition that goes back to Falcone and Rosa, is in the Società Napoletana di Storia Patria, Naples (Disegni napoletani del Sei e del Settecento nel Museo di Capodimonte [exhibition catalogue by Walter Vitzthum], Naples, Museo di Capodimonte, 1966, pl. 43). There the bridge is broken and the subject thus identifiable as Horatius Coclès.

Mr. Scholz possesses four more drawings by Mondo, and there are further characteristic examples in the Cooper-Hewitt Museum and the Metropolitan Museum.

PROVENANCE: Giovanni Piancastelli (no mark, see Lugt S. 2078a); Mr. and Mrs. Edward Brandegee (no mark, see Lugt S. 1860c).


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Oil Sketches by 18th Century Italian Artists
from New York Collections

ANTONIO BALESTRA (Veronese, 1666-1740)
1. The Martyrdom of Saints Cosmas and Damian. Oil on canvas, 44-1/2 by 65-1/4 inches.

This is an exceptionally large study or modello for an enormous canvas mural in the church of Santa Giustina, Padua. The mural is dated 1718.
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GIUSEPPE CADES (Roman, 1750-1799)

This small picture is more a finished painting than a true sketch. It is included here because its soft yielding character so closely resembles the style of the two drawings by Cades in the Drawings Exhibition (Cat. nos. 295, 296). Cades was one of the most talented, versatile, and sensitive eighteenth-century Roman artists. He painted in many styles, ranging from the neoclassical mannerisms of Fuseli and his contemporaries to the Baroque eloquence of Strozzi and Guercino. The present picture brings to mind the rich painterly handling and the touching human warmth of the latter’s early works.
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CARLO CARLONE (Lombard, 1686-1775)
3. The Glorification of St. Anthony. Oil on canvas, 18-1/4 by 17 inches.

This is a sketch for a large fresco which Carlone painted on the vault of the chapel of St. Anthony in the Cathedral of Monza, near Milan. The spirited brushwork and the oleaginous character of the paint recall the style of Carlone’s South German and Austrian contemporaries, particularly Franz Anton Maulpertsch (1724-1796).

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FRANCESCO CASANOVA (Venetian, 1727-1802)

Although this picture exists in its own right and does not seem to have been painted as a study for a larger work, its spontaneous execution has a sketch-like character. A similar scene by Casanova is illustrated by John Masters (*Casanova*, New York, 1970). This book is about Francesco's brother Giacomo, who is remembered today because of his Memoirs. BIBLIOGRAPHY: *Italian Renaissance and Baroque Paintings from the Collection of Walter P. Chrysler, Jr.*, Norfolk Museum of Arts and Sciences, 1967, p. 76.

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SEBASTIANO CONCA (Neapolitan, 1680-1764)

Signed and dated on the pedestal: *Eques Seb. Conca fecit 1748.* A highly finished painting, it may either have been intended as a small devotional picture or as an elaborate study for a large altarpiece. The date indicates that it was painted in Rome, two years before Conca returned to Naples. BIBLIOGRAPHY: Anthony M. Clark, ""Agostino Masucci,"" in *Essays in the History of Art presented to Rudolf Wittkower*, London, 1967, plate XXXVII.

Lent by Victor Spark

PLACIDO COSTANZI (Roman, 1701-1759)

Anthony Clark connected this exquisite little painting with a lost altarpiece which Costanzi was commissioned to paint in Rome during the early 1720's for Queen Elisabetta Farnese of Spain. If it is the sketch for that picture, it is unusually highly finished. It makes a fascinating comparison with the Annunciation by Sebastiano Conca exhibited here (No. 5). Conca, one of the principal influences on Costanzi's style, actually painted his Annunciation in Rome over two decades later. BIBLIOGRAPHY: Anthony M. Clark, ""An Introduction to Placido Costanzi,"" in *Paragone*, May 1968, pp. 41, 42.

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Signed and dated 1750 on the back, this sketch is a study for a large altarpiece in the Galleria Nazionale, Rome, (illustrated by Clark in Paragone, May 1968, plate 49). The spectators, dressed in Renaissance rather than eighteenth-century costumes, stare in amazement as St. Joseph of Copertino miraculously rises in the air holding a youthful Roman aristocrat by the hair.

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GIUSEPPE MARIA CRESPI (Bolognese, 1665-1747)

8.  A Battle Scene (Four Men, a Horse, and a Cannon). Oil on canvas, 28 by 28 inches.

This picture is a true sketch in every sense of the word, revealing the artist's imagination at work. In contrast to the hard linear style of Crespi's drawings, it is extraordinarily free and evocative. The mysterious and powerfully built figures barely emerge from the somber dimness of the dark brown ground color with which the canvas was prepared. Their strange gestures and expressions have a haunting ghost-like character.

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DONATO CRETI (Bolognese, 1671-1749)


Painted in grisaille, this carefully executed picture is related to a large, fully colored painting in the Pinacoteca at Bologna. Dated 1724, the large painting commemorates three Englishmen, Charles Boyle, a writer, John Locke, a philosopher, and Thomas Sydenham, a physician. Both the grisaille and the large version at Bologna show allegorical figures of Philosophy, Medicine, and Mathematics, standing before an architectural niche. Below them are groups symbolizing Reason and Geometry. The two pictures differ in many details, particularly in the background.


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FRANCESCO FONTEBASSO (Venetian, 1709-1768/1769)

10.  The Assumption of the Virgin. Oil on canvas, 12-3/4 by 8 inches.

The tight contours and the brilliant coloring of this tiny sketch of the Virgin and four putti are characteristic of Fontebasso's style. Although painted in oil, the sketch possesses the bright tonality of fresco painting.

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GAETANO GANDOLFI (Bolognese, 1734-1802)

11. Academy Study of a Male Nude, Seated and Seen from Behind. Oil on canvas, 30-1/2 by 22 inches.

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12. Academy Study of a Male Nude, Standing and Seen from Behind. Oil on canvas, 30-1/2 by 22 inches.

Lent by Joseph F. McCrindle

These two sketches were acquired by their present owners from a group of six similar studies. Presumably painted at the same time, they represent different poses by the same male model. Although there are landscape backgrounds behind the model, the pictures were painted in a studio as academic exercises. Gandolfi was trained as a painter at the Accademia Clementina, Bologna, by the sculptor-anatomist Ercole Lelli, and it is likely that these studies were painted under his direction. Unlike the other pair of oil sketches by Gandolfi exhibited here (Nos. 13, 14), these pictures are very lightly painted in pale pastel hues.


Lent by Mr. and Mrs. Morton B. Harris

This remarkable pair of oil sketches illustrate Gandolfi’s superb control and energetic handling of paint. They were executed as pendants, presumably as studies for a larger work, and are related in format as well as iconography. St. Carlo, a patron saint of Gandolfi’s native city, is often linked in paintings with St. Francesca because he founded the brotherhood of the Oblati in Milan, while she introduced the sisterhood of the Oblate into Rome. The arched tops of the frames conceal part of the original painted surface of the pictures. Covered by the frames are bright rays of light in the upper right hand corner of each sketch; partly hidden above St. Francesca’s head are two cherubim.
CORRADO GIAQUINTO (Neapolitan, 1699-1765)


The individual strokes of the brush create a faceted effect in the paint which corresponds to the choppy appearance of one of Giaquinto's pen and ink studies displayed in the Drawings Exhibition (Cat. no. 164). The Madonna of the Rosary is a subject often depicted in Dominican altarpieces, since it was St. Dominic who instituted the use of the rosary. In the sketch he stands below the Madonna and receives a rosary from the Christ Child. The Madonna is seen picking up one from the salver held by the angel on the right. The dog seated by St. Dominic's feet refers to a vision his mother had of herself giving birth to a dog with a flaming torch in its mouth which would set the world on fire. Although sketchily indicated, there is a torch-like object in the dog’s mouth. The other three saints in the picture belong to the Dominican order: St. Vincent Ferrer (with flames springing from his head), Rosa of Lima (wearing a wreath of roses), and Caterina de’ Ricci (wearing a crown of thorns).

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16. *Judith with the Head of Holofernes*. Oil on canvas, 24-1/4 by 19 inches.

Giaquinto painted other versions of this composition (another example is illustrated by Mario d’Orsi, *Corrado Giaquinto*, Rome, 1958, fig. 3). The present version is by far the most elegantly executed one known.

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PAOLO DE MATTEIS (Neapolitan, 1662-1728)

17. *Carlo and Ubaldo urging Rinaldo to leave the Isle of Fortune*. Oil on canvas, 13-1/4 by 30-1/2 inches.

This is a charming illustration of an episode in Tasso’s *La Gerusalemme Liberata*, the epic poem that inspired several enormous paintings by Matteis. The sketch is remarkable for the vivid facial expressions, particularly of Ubaldo, who holds the shield in order that Rinaldo will see his reflection in it. The goddess of Fortune, seated on the boat moored on the right, recalls the sketch of Galatea in the Drawings Exhibition (Cat. no. 10).

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GIUSTINO MENESCARDI (Venetian, active 1751-1765)
18. Esther before Abasuerus. Oil on canvas, 18 by 51 inches.

This brightly colored and highly finished modello is related to the large picture of the same subject which Gaetano Zompini executed in 1748-1749 in the Scuola del Carmine at Venice. Since Menescardi was employed by the Carmine at the same time, it is possible that he was asked to paint the present modello for the wall painting which Zompini eventually executed.


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FRANCESCO DE MURA (Neapolitan, 1696-1784)
19. Achilles and the Centaur Chiron. Oil on canvas, 19-1/4 by 27-1/2 inches.


Both of these sketches are preliminary studies for the frescoes De Mura painted on the ceiling of the Gabinetto delle Miniature in the Royal Palace, Turin. De Mura worked there in 1741/1742, decorating several rooms with frescoes and supplying several churches with altarpieces. The unusual green and gilded frames are typical eighteenth-century Piedmontese frames, most likely having been made in Turin for the sketches shortly after they were painted.


GIOVANNI BATTISTA PIAZZETTA (Venetian, 1682-1754)

This is a preliminary study for the altarpiece Piazzetta painted in 1744 for the church of San Filippo at Cortona. It differs from the finished altarpiece in many details, particularly in the position of St. Andrew's arms. There is another oil sketch, closer in some details to the altarpiece, in the museum of the Accademia Etrusca at Cortona. The general composition of both of these sketches and the altarpiece was freely adapted by Piazzetta for his altarpiece at Meduno.


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GIOVANNI BATTISTA PITTONI (Venetian, 1687-1767)

Like the picture by Donato Creti exhibited here (No. 9), this sketch for an altarpiece
was executed in grisaille. The Carmelite scapulars held by the putto and young male
saint on the right indicate that the altarpiece was intended for a church of the
Carmelite order. The female saint holding the palm of martyrdom is probably
Agnes of Montepulciano. The cross and lamb held by the youthful deacon are her
attributes. The jewel-like character of every form in the composition is typical
of Pittoni at his best. Even the three cherubs floating in the sky have a tightly
worked and highly ornamental quality.

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SEBASTIANO RICCI (Venetian, 1659-1734)

This is a superb example of Ricci working with a delicate touch on a small scale.
The golden sunlight falling on the wall and the summary indications of the figures
in the background are particularly beautiful. The artist re-used the figure of the
woman carrying the child in his Marriage at Cana in the William Rockhill Nelson
Gallery, Kansas City.

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FRANCESCO SOLIMENA (Neapolitan, 1657-1747)
24. *Diego Pignatelli d’Aràgona, Duke of Terranova and Monteleone*. Oil on
canvas, 23-1/4 by 18-1/4 inches.

This is a study for a portrait preserved today in the collection of Duke Pignatelli’s
descendents in Rome. Lightly painted on a dark reddish-brown ground, it differs
from the large portrait in minor details such as the position of the fingers and the
buildings in the background. The finished portrait is dated 1730 by Ferdinando

The Metropolitan Museum of Art, Rogers Fund, 67.102
25. **Study for a Ceiling Fresco.** Oil on canvas, 30 by 41-1/2 inches.

One of Solimena's most inspired sketches, this picture does not correspond with any of the artist's surviving frescoes. It represents a multitude of saints and religious figures. The most important one appears to be the young man kneeling on the cloud in the lower left hand corner of the composition. Like most of the saints surrounding him, he looks up in amazement toward the left. Solimena painted this sketch on a dark brown ground, which accounts for the rich tonality.

Lent by Mr. and Mrs. John Koch

GIOVANNI BATTISTA TIEPOLO (Venetian, 1696-1770)


The composition of this sketch bears a certain resemblance to that of Tiepolo's large altarpiece in the Alte Pinakothek in Munich, which was painted in 1753. Yet most writers believe the style and handling of the sketch belong to a later moment in the artist's career, probably about 1760.

The Metropolitan Museum of Art, Rogers Fund, 37.165.1

27. ** Allegory of the Planets and Continents.** Oil on canvas, 72-7/8 by 54-7/8 inches.

Tiepolo's frescoes in the Residenz at Würzburg mark the crowning achievement of his brilliant career. They include scenes in the Kaisersaal (a sketch for one of them is exhibited here, No. 31) and the ceiling over the Grand Staircase. The Wrightsman sketch, mentioned as having been recently painted in a document of 1752, is Tiepolo's sketch for this ceiling. It shows Apollo about to embark on his daily course across the sky. The deities surrounding him symbolize the planets, and the allegorical figures on the cornice represent the Four Continents of the earth. The sketch differs from the finished fresco in countless details, the most significant being the addition of many portraits to the fresco. The reddish-bole ground on which the sketch is painted is mid-way between the dark grounds of Tiepolo's Piazzettilsque works (compare No. 33) and the biscuit shade characteristic of his Spanish sketches (Nos. 29, 30). Such a transitional color is in keeping with the date of the Würzburg frescoes, mid-way in Tiepolo's career.

Lent by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wrightsman

This oval sketch is approximately the same size and has the same provenance as two other Tiepolos exhibited here (Nos. 29, 30). Like the other two, this sketch was painted in Madrid about 1764. It probably is a study for a ceiling decoration which Tiepolo may have intended to paint in the Royal Palace, Madrid, but never executed. In addition to Apollo and many zephyrs and putti, the sketch shows Ceres, Bacchus, Cupid, Father Time, and Apollo's chariot drawn by two horses.

Lent by Dr. and Mrs. Rudolf J. Heinemann


The Metropolitan Museum of Art, Rogers Fund, 37.165.3


Lent by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wrightsman

These sketches are working designs for Tiepolo's fresco on the ceiling of the Saleta in the Royal Palace at Madrid, executed between 1764 and 1766. In it Tiepolo depicted in classical terms (with the mythological figures of Jupiter, Mercury, Apollo, etc.) the world-wide power Spain once possessed through her colonies. Of the two sketches, it appears that the Wrightsman one is the earlier. Although Apollo only appears in it and the fresco, many more details of the Metropolitan Museum's sketch were included in the final fresco. Characteristic of Tiepolo's Spanish period is the light biscuit-colored ground on which both of these sketches are painted. The brushwork is sparing, wavering, almost trembling, enhancing the ethereal character of the air-borne figures.


This sketch is related to Tiepolo's fresco at Würzburg of the Emperor Friedrich I investing Harold of Hochheim, Bishop of Würzburg, with the Dukedom of Franconia. It differs from the fresco mainly in the shape of the composition, which is vertical rather than horizontal.

The Metropolitan Museum of Art, Purchase, 1871, 71.121

The theme of Antony and Cleopatra haunted Tiepolo's imagination during the 1740's, and the Wrightsman sketch is just one of a group of small sketches, large oil paintings, and frescoes, done on the subject during this period. It has been suggested that it was made as a study for a large fresco executed about 1744 in the Palazzo Labia, Venice, or for an enormous canvas dated 1747 at Arkhangelskoye, near Moscow. Most likely the oil sketch was made while the Labia fresco was being planned. There is also a pen and ink study in the Drawings Exhibition (Cat. no. 110) showing Antony bowing to kiss Cleopatra's hand as he does in the Wrightsman painting.

Lent by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wrightsman


This small devotional picture was probably intended as an independent work of art, like the small Madonna seen hanging in the lawyer's office in Domenico Tiepolo's pen and ink sketch in the Drawings Exhibition (Cat. no. 261). The solidly modelled features of the Madonna and Child strongly reflect Piazzetta's influence. The very dark ground covering the surface of the canvas (which accounts for the dark tonality of the painting) is also typical of Piazzetta (compare No. 21). The composition is related to one of Tiepolo's drawings in the Drawings Exhibition (Cat. no. 63). It shows the Madonna leaning her head forward at the same angle as she does in the oil sketch.


Lent by Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Manning

GIOVANNI DOMENICO TIEPOLO (Venetian, 1727-1804)

34.  *The Flight into Egypt*.  Oil on canvas, 11-1/2 by 17 inches.

This small grisaille study is directly related to the fifth print in Domenico's series of etchings, *The Flight into Egypt*. The etching shows more detail than the oil sketch; for instance, it shows an angel with wings in the door behind Mary.

Lent by Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Manning


This painting, a sketch for one of Domenico's most ambitious projects, documents his style more than a decade after his father died. It is the preparatory study for the fresco Domenico painted on the ceiling of the Doge's Palace, Genoa, between 1783 and 1785.

The Metropolitan Museum of Art, Kennedy Fund, 13.2

Formerly attributed by the Museum to the workshop of Giovanni Battista Tiepolo, this sketch will be published in Federico Zeri’s forthcoming catalogue of Italian Paintings as a work by Domenico very close in style to his father’s work. It depicts an allegorical group of Virtue, with the Sun on her breast, and Wisdom, with a scepter and a lamp. The despairing woman tormented by Cupid with a torch might represent Sin or Vice. In the Drawings Exhibition there is a series of six studies by Giovanni Battista Tiepolo of Nobility and Virtue (Cat. nos. 103-108), which deals with an analogous subject.

37. *The Last Supper.* Oil on canvas, 18 by 26 inches.

J. Byam Shaw pointed out that this sketch probably dates from after Domenico’s return from Spain. The picture for which it was made is not known. It would appear, however, to be a preparatory study for a fresco in the apse of a church.

Lent by Mr. and Mrs. E. Powis Jones