

Decorative Pictures / Wednesday, 15th May 2024 / Lot 223



LOT 223

French School – Half Length Portrait of John Frederick Macdonald, charcoal with pastel and chalk, dedicated, indistinctly signed and dated 1899, 33.5cm x 24cm. Note: John Frederick Macdonald (1876-1915) was a Scottish born author who before the age of 21 wrote a series of articles on Paris for 'The Saturday Review', later published as 'Paris of the Parisiens' (Grant Richards, 1900) and 'Two Towns One City: Paris-London' (Grant Richards, 1917). He died of consumption at the age of 39 after volunteering at a French hospital during the First World War.

Estimate: £50 - £80

Condition Report

223. Backed to card probably with animal glue, extensive paper discolouration from previous mount border, foxing throughout.

Provenance: from the estate of a notable late London antiquarian book dealer who collected artworks of the fin-de-siecle period and Sickert school.

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