

BALTHUS

Sans titre (Etude pour "la victime"), 1939

Graphite on paper 23 x 35 cm 9 1/8 x 13 3/4 inches

Initialled lower right "Bs."

Provenance

Frédérique Tison, Château de Chassy (donated by the artist) Private Collection, by descent from the above Sale: Artcurial, Balthus at Chassy - Frédérique Tison Collection, December 8, 2020, lot 12 Private Collection, France

Literature

J. Clair, V. Monnier, Balthus, Catalogue Raisonné of the Complete Work, Gallimard, Paris, 1999, No. D478, reproduced in black and white on p. 225. Sabine Rewald, Balthus: Young Girls with Cats, Hazan, Paris. Drawing reproduced on p. 91 and commented on at length twice (p. 27 and p. 90) as the answer to the enigma surrounding the work The Victim.

Condition

The work is in excellent condition.