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Looking at Fabric

Raphael Kirchner



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Description

RAPHAEL KIRCHNER (1876-1917)

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Pencil Framed

42.5 by 27 cm., 16 by 10 in. (frame size 61 by 45 cm., 24 by 17 in.)

Provenance: Artist's studio sale, Salle Drouot, Paris; Bernard Daneberg; Christie's London; John Noott Galleries, Broadway; Private collection, UK.

Raphael Kirchner was born in Vienna and attended at the Vienna Academy of Fine Arts. He moved to Paris in 1900, making illustrations for such magazines as La Vie Parisienne. At the outbreak of war in 1914 he moved to the United States, living in New York where he worked in the film and men's magazine industry. A portrait painter and illustrator, he is best known for his "Kirchner Girls" illustrating Fin-de-Siecle and Art Nouveau models, often in sensuous or playful poses. These drawings were much reproduced in postcard format and were hugely popular.