May Belfort

Frank Chesworth

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Description

FRANK CHESWORTH(1868-1906)
May Belfort
Signed and dated l.l.: FRANK CHESWORTH ‘99Watercolour and chalkFramed
32 by 20.5 cm., 12 ½ by 8 in.(frame size 50.5 by 38 cm., 20 by 15 in.)
Provenance:The Fine Art Society, London.
Francis (Frank) John Chesworth was born in West Derby, Liverpool. By 1891 he was working as an artist and living with his brother in Camberwell, London. He produced illustrations, cartoons and caricatures for a number of magazines and journals including The Sketch, The Pall Mall Magazine and Black and White. He seems to have been particularly fond of theatrical themes, producing a series entitle “Curtains Caricatured” for The Sketch in 1905. Chesworth had a tragic and untimely death at the age of 38, cutting his own throat with a razor whilst in a state of unsound mind.
May Belfort (1872-1929) was a famous Irish singer, actress and comedian who performed in the London and Paris music halls. Toulouse-Lautrec painted her several times, most memorably in a promotional poster showing her in a red dress and accompanied by her black cat.