Feliks Topolski - HRH The Duke of Edinburgh

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Description

FELIKS TOPOLSKI, RA(1907-1989)
HRH The Duke of Edinburgh, Prince Philip - 1965
Signed, dated and inscribed l.r.: Feliks Topolski / ’65 / HRH The Duke of EdinburghBlack chalk and bodycolourFramed
49 by 33 cm., 19 ¼ by 13 in.(frame size 68.5 by 52.5 cm., 27 by 20 ¾ in.)
A study for the 1965 official portrait of HRH, The Duke of Edinburgh, Prince Philip. The finished portrait, showing the Prince Philip riding a horse, is in the Royal Collection.
Topolski was born in Warsaw, Poland and studied at the Warsaw Academy of Fine Arts (1925-30). He was a prolific contributor of illustrations to books and periodicals in Poland but at the outbreak of World War II he settled in England, becoming a naturalized British subject in 1947. In Britain he became an official war artist to the Polish Forces, depicting the Blitz and the Battle of Britain, recording the bombed streets and scenes of wartime London life. In 1941 he travelled to Russia as a member of a Polish Diplomatic Mission and went on to serve widely overseas. Following the war he published selections of drawing and began designing for the theatre. In 1951 he made a series of largescale decorations for the Festival of Britain. Works by him are in the British Museum, Tate Gallery, Imperial War Museum and in Poland.