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LOT 103 - Alex von Svoboda - Untitled Landscape 1962



Artist Description Count Alexander von Svoboda (1929 – AUS/CAD) Born in Vienna, Austria in 1929. Following a childhood of privilege, wealth, and art school, Count von Svoboda entered service with the Nazi army in World War II at the age of 15. He was eventually captured by the Russian army and sent to a work camp in Siberia. Soon after, he engineered a daring escape, and made a daunting 6,000 mile trek back to Austria. In Austria, Count von Svoboda befriended a group of American soldiers, which led to him being employed as an interpreter for General George S. Patton. With his considerable art and architecture skills, von Svoboda then worked for the U.S. Army as a designer of hospitals and chapels across Europe after the War. Realizing that Europe was too small for his artistic ambitions, von Svoboda moved to Toronto, Canada, where he worked on sculptures and mosaics, specializing in a type of classical mosaic technique developed in Italy known as "Smalti", which he mastered and brought to North America.

Description

Tempera 1962

Signed & Dated Lower Right

Sight - 14 ins x 18 ins (35.56 cm x 45.72 cm)

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Provenance:

Private Collection

Quantity: 1



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