

Sale Name: Fine Canadian Art Auction - September 8th - October 18th 2022

LOT 64 - René Richard - Untitled Woodcutters Workshop



Artist Description René Jean Richard (1895 – 1982 SWI / CAD) R.C.A., Order of Canada Arriving in Canada with his family in 1909. They lived in Montreal for two years then moved to Cold Lake, Alberta. Richard developed a liking to the bush life in the Canadian wilderness, so much so that he became a fur trapper. During his expeditions throughout northern Canada he sketched and made drawings while getting to know the land, its inhabitants and their lifestyle. 1927 he left for Paris. There, he took lessons at the Académie de la Grande Chaumière and the Académie Colarossi from 1927 to 1930. While in Paris he met the painter Clarence Gagnon, and the two became great friends. Gagnon encouraged Richard to become a full-time artist. In 1930 Richard left France and returned to Alberta, where he resumed his life as a trapper and made hundreds of drawings on craft paper. Between 1938 and 1942, Richard visited the Quebec regions of Île d'Orléans, Gaspé, Charlevoix, Mauricie and Abitibi. In 1942, he married Blanche Cimon and settled permanently in Baie St-Paul, QC where the sceneries reminded him of Switzerland and some parts of the Great Canadian North. He dedicated most of his time to producing art and exhibited regularly in Quebec City and Montreal. In 1952, Richard went on an inspiring expedition in the Ungava region of Northern Quebec. He was elected for life by the Royal Canadian Academy of Arts and received the Order of Canada in 1973. Canada Post also issued a stamp depicting the Northwest Territories as shown in one of its paintings. His adopted homeland, Charlevoix, also celebrates Richard's life and work. The municipal library, inaugurated

in 1998, bears his name. The house, he acquired in 1942, is now an art gallery and the artist's studio can be visited. A commemorative plaque was unveiled in 1982.

Description

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Signed Lower Right, Numbered & Titled Lower Left

Sight - 22 ins x 26 ins (55.88 cm x 66 cm)

Provenance:

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Quantity: 1



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