

Rue St Germain

Thomas Shottes Boys

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Description

Thomas Shotter Boys (1803-1874)
Rue St Germain l'Auxerrois, Paris

indistinctly signed and dated 1831 lower left and inscribed lower right: Rue St Germain L'auxerrois 1831
pencil
16.9 by 22.1cm., 6 ½ by 8 ¾ in.

Boys lived in Paris from 1823 until 1837, working as an engraver, lithographer and later watercolourist. A watercolour by Boys, taken from a similar viewpoint was sold at Sotheby's on 26th November 1998, lot 83 (£13,000) and was purportedly published as a lithograph in 1830. A similar drawing to this is in the Musée Carnavalet, Paris). Café Momus, which is the building to the right, is the setting for most of the second act of Puccini's 'La Bohème'

Provenance:

Anonymous sale, Oger and Semont, Paris, 27th May 1991, lot 81;
Private Collection until 2008