Isola Bella from the Pescatori

William Leighton Leitch

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William Leighton Leitch (1804-1883)
Isola Bella from the Isola dei Pescatori, Lake Maggiore

Signed and dated 1865 lower right
Watercolour over pencil heightened with bodycolour
24 by 35cm., 9 ½ by 13 ¾ inches

Lake Maggiore is the westernmost of the three Italian Lakes. The present watercolour is taken from the Isola dei Pescatori or Isola Superiore, one of the Borromean Islands which are situated on the western arm of the lake. As its name suggests, it was and still is a fishing village. Through the arch is visible Isola Bella, the most famous and most visited of the islands. It is named after Isabella, Countess Borromeo - between 1650 and 1671, Vitaliano Borromeo built a summer palace on the island which still exists today alongside its famous terraced gardens.

An 1841 watercolour by Leitch of Isola Bella with the Isola dei Pescatori beyond was sold at Sotheby's, 29th November 2000, lot 99 for £8,600

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