



## Henri Le Sidaner - The Balustrade - Drawing



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Signature : Henri LE SIDANER

Period : 20th century

Condition : Restauré

Material : Paper

Width : 12,7 cm / 22,6 cm encadré

Height : 18 cm / 27,2 cm encadré

### Description

Henri LE SIDANER (1862 - 1939)La  
BalustradeCirca 1911Drawing on paper18×12.7  
cm / 27.2×22.6 cm framedSigned lower left "Le  
Sidaner"Small gap restored in the margin lower  
right, small trace of foxing lower leftProvenance:  
descendants of the artistThe work is sold framed  
and visible by appointment in  
Boulogne-Billancourt.---This silent landscape,  
devoid of any human presence, presents light  
effects and vibrations characteristic of the  
"quilted" style of Henri Le Sidaner, which he  
declined in a very personal way throughout his  
work. According to the testimony of his son  
Rémy, the artist considered that "no landscape  
should be painted without a light effect that  
highlights it"[1]. In this drawing, the areas left in  
reserve on the ground and along the low wall to

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transcribe the light contrast with the shadows cast, indicating that it was probably executed at the end of the day, at the moment when the contours of things become blurred, a moment that Camille Mauclair also described as "Le Sidaner hour"[2]. The composition of our drawing is identical to that of the lithograph *La Balustrade*, published in July 1911 in the *Gazette des beaux-arts*. The more accomplished treatment of the lithograph suggests that the drawing is a preparatory study, especially since there is no listed painting reproducing the subject. Note, however, that a painting from 1911, entitled *Jardin sur l'eau*, offers a variation based on the motif of the balustrade on the left-hand side[3].

[1] Yann Farinaux-Le Sidaner, *Le Sidaner, L'oeuvre peint et gravé*, Paris, Éditions André Sauret, 1989, p.9.

[2] Ibid.

[3] This oil on canvas is kept at the Boston Museum of Fine Arts (inv. 39.658) and reproduced on their website: <https://collections.mfa.org/objects/32695/garden-by-a-pool;jsessionid=A82AC72AAC5DD73FB587DD3C57F84EA3>