Jean-jacques De Boissieu (1736-1810), The Château De Pierre-scize, Lyon



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Signature : Jean-Jacques DE BOISSIEU (Lyon 1736, id. 1810)

Period : 18th century

Condition : Très bon état

Material : Water color

Width : 26.5 cm

Height : 18.5 cm

Description

Jean-Jacques DE BOISSIEU (1736-1810), The Château de Pierre-Scize, Lyon. Ink wash and highlights - 1761. Dimensions (sight): approx. 18.5 × 26.5 cm. Signed and dated lower left "De Boissieu f. an 1761". Superb original wash drawing executed by Jean-Jacques de Boissieu, one of the most important French draftsmen and engravers of the 18th century, renowned for his topographical views and landscapes of great observational finesse. This sheet depicts the Château de Pierre-Scize, a former emblematic fortress of Lyon, perched on its rocky spur overlooking the Saône, before its destruction at the beginning of the 19th century. The subject, both historical and picturesque, perfectly reflects the artist's ongoing interest in Lyon's urban and architectural landscapes. The drawing is executed

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with remarkable mastery of wash, alternating subtle tonal variations with an economy of means. The atmosphere is rendered with great sensitivity, particularly in the treatment of the rock formations, the architecture, and the reflections on the water. The balanced composition and the clarity of the scene attest to the artist's maturity at this time.