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Reclining Sphinx -- Pen-and-ink Drawing With Wash, 18th-century French School

450 EUR



Period : 18th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Paper

Length : 16,5cm

Width : 10cm

Description

Reclining Sphinx on a Hieroglyphic Plinth -- pen-and-ink drawing with wash, 18th-century French school Pen-and-ink drawing in brown ink, enhanced with brown and gray wash. The oblong composition depicts a reclining sphinx in profile, resting on a rectangular plinth. The figure wears the nemes (a striped headdress with side flaps) encircled by a frontal band, with a long braid falling across the chest. The face, rendered in fine pen strokes, presents an idealized neoclassical profile rather than a direct observation of an Egyptian model. The elongated, lion-like body is rendered in wash with broad flat areas, leaving the paper unpainted to represent highlights; the tail curls in a spiral over the rump. The forepaws, with their detailed claws, extend slightly beyond the plane of the plinth. The base bears a row of

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hieroglyph-like symbols--rectangular frames,
discs, a bovine protome, birds, and
chevrons--rendered in a rough style and lacking
any decipherable epigraphic meaning. With frame:
26.5 cm by 21 cm Drawing only: 16.5 cm by 10
cm