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Pierre Thibault, Watercolor, Montmartre, The Stairs On Rue Lamarck And The Sacré-coeur,



430 EUR

Signature : Pierre Thibault

Period : 20th century

Condition : Très bon état

Material : Water color

Width : 45

Height : 55

Description

Watercolor on paper, signed "Pierre Thibault" in the lower right corner and titled in pencil in the lower left corner. The view shows the grand staircase on Lamarck Street from a low angle, rising toward the apse of the Sacré-Coeur. The dome and the small apses stand out in pearl gray against a sky largely washed in blue, while the basilica towers over the bluish slate and red-tiled roofs of the northern slope of the Butte. The artist brings the scene to life with a few small figures--a walker wearing a hat, cane in hand, in the foreground; two children sitting on the steps; passersby climbing the flight of stairs--rendered with quick brushstrokes that convey the scale and vitality of the neighborhood. The technique is that of plein air watercolor: transparent washes applied in a single stroke, areas of white on the

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paper reserved for light on the steps and stone,
and dry brushstrokes with a fine brush for the
ironwork of the railings, the streetlamp, and the
chimneys. The palette remains subdued--tinged
grays, muted blues, muted greens, a touch of red
on the rooftops--and captures the soft, diffused
light of a Parisian day. Framed under glass in a
black frame with gold trim, mounted with a mat.