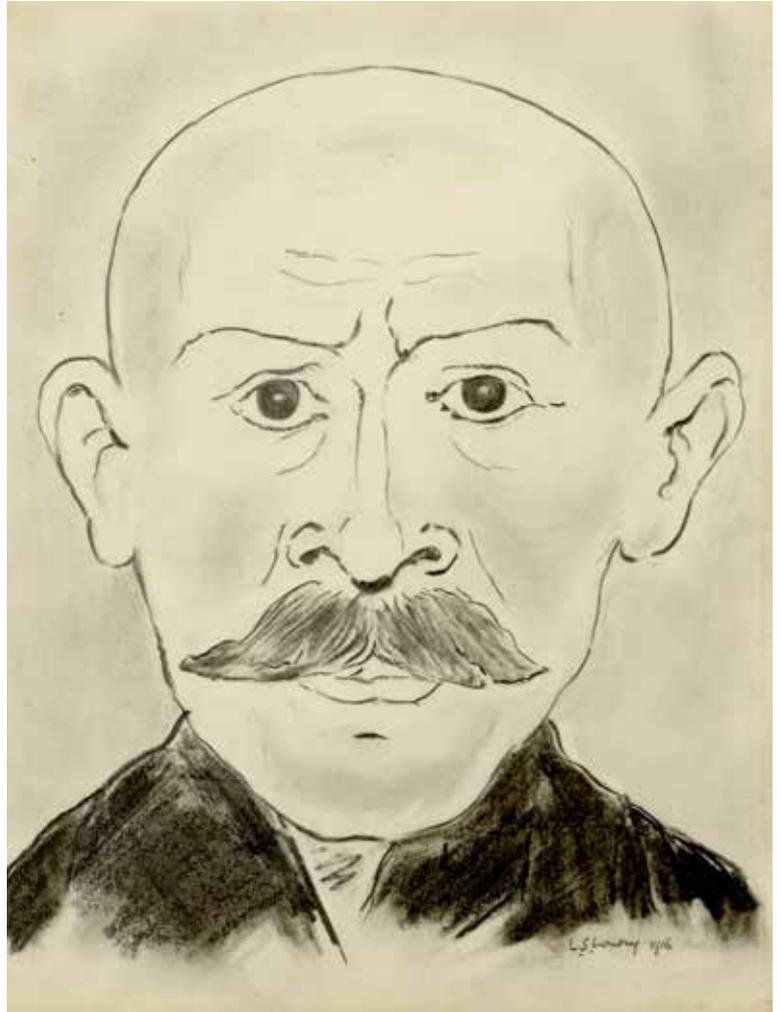


LAURENCE STEPHEN LOWRY R.A. - "MAN WITH MOUSTACHE" - REF 2276

A portrait study of a bald headed man sporting a rather proud moustache, observed by a young and soon to become rather famous, Manchester artist - L.S. Lowry.

Born in Rusholme, Manchester in November 1887, L.S. Lowry is unquestionably the most celebrated of British artists. His unique contribution to recording the period, culture and landscape of the industrial north is without parallel. His work is a most distinctive and comprehensive record of the pre and post World War II northern industrial town. Many people associate Lowry with "Matchstick men" which became virtually his trademark, but he also produced a large number of empty landscapes and seascapes which are now recognised as masterpieces in their own right. Later in his life he concentrated on producing paintings of figures either singly or in groups, invariably against a white background.

"Man with Moustache" is typical of the early works by Lowry. This pencil drawing still shows the characteristic shading and dynamics which became a hallmark on his later pencil drawings.



PRICE: £18,900



Provenance: Private collection Manchester, believed to have been acquired from the Tib Lane Gallery in the 1950's

Artist & Painting: Laurence Stephen Lowry, British (1887-1976) – "Man with Moustache" – Pencil on paper, signed and dated 1916.

Dimensions of Image: 7½" wide, 9½" high; 19cm wide, 24cm high.

Restorations: The drawing has been lightly cleaned and has been re-framed in a ribbed giltwood frame with gold tooled slip under museum glass.

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