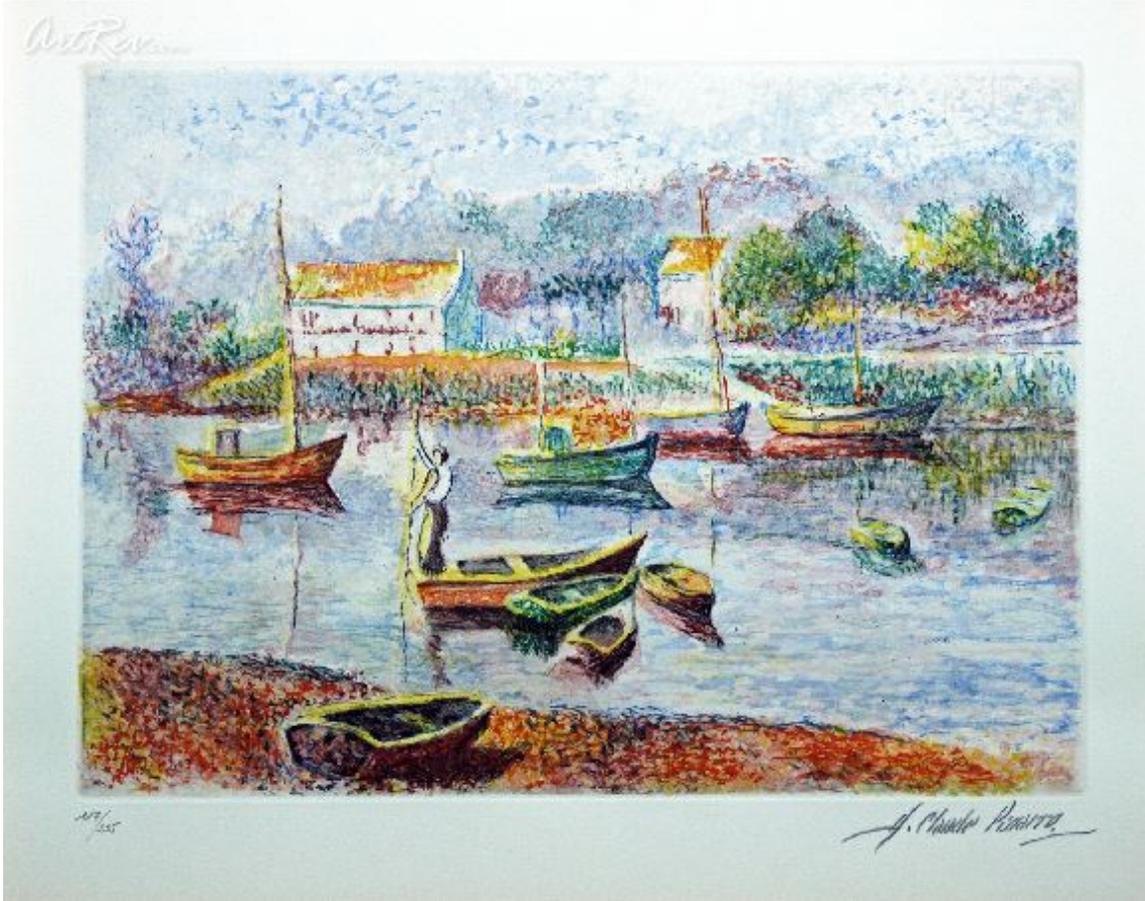


L'Embarcadere by Hugues Claude Pissarro

Etching - Main Subject: Landscape



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Etching

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**About Hugues Claude Pissarro**

Hugues Claude Pissarro (born 1935) is a French painter. He is alternately known as Hughes Claude Pissarro, H. Claude Pissarro, and professionally as Isaac Pomié or Hugues Pissarro dit Pomié. His work has been featured in exhibitions in Europe and the United States, and in 1959 he was commissioned by the White House to paint a portrait of U.S. President Dwight Eisenhower. Hugues' work has evolved through a variety of different styles and techniques, from abstract to avant-garde. In 1989, he began a series of contemporary landscapes which were signed Isaac Pomié in order to distinguish them from his traditional works. Today, the contemporary paintings are signed Hugues Pissarro dit Pomié.

# Etching

Etching is the process of using strong acid or mordant to cut into the unprotected parts of a metal surface to create a design in intaglio in the metal (the original process in modern manufacturing other chemicals may be used on other types of material). As an intaglio method of printmaking it is, along with engraving, the most important technique for old master prints, and remains widely used today.

In pure etching, a metal plate is covered with a waxy ground which is resistant to acid. The artist then scratches off the ground with a pointed etching needle where he or she wants a line to appear in the finished piece, so exposing the bare metal. The echoppe, a tool with a slanted oval section is also used for swelling lines. The plate is then dipped in a bath of acid, technically called the mordant (French for biting), or has acid washed over it. The acid bites into the metal, where it is exposed, leaving behind lines sunk into the plate. The remaining ground is then cleaned off the plate. The plate is inked all over, and then the ink wiped off the surface, leaving only the ink in the etched lines.

The plate is then put through a high-pressure printing press together with a sheet of paper (often moistened to soften it). The paper picks up the ink from the etched lines, making a print. The process can be repeated many times; typically several hundred impressions could be printed before the plate shows much sign of wear. The work on the plate can also be added to by repeating the whole process; this creates an etching which exists in more than one state.

Etching has often been combined with other intaglio techniques such as engraving e.g. Rembrandt or aquatint e.g. Goya.

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