

Billy Boys by Jack Vettriano (On Sale!)

Lithograph on Canvas - Main Subject: Figurative

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Dimensions (As Shown)

39W x 27H x 1D Inches

99.06W x 68.58H x 2.54D cm

Medium

Lithograph on Canvas

Edition

- Edition Size is Unknown

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About Jack Vettriano

Born in Fife in 1951, Jack Vettriano has emerged from the unlikely background of an early working life in the Scottish coal-fields to become one of Britain's best known contemporary artists; he is entirely self taught. His work first came to public prominence at the Royal Scottish Academy open exhibition in 1988. Since then there have been sell out exhibitions in Edinburgh, London, Hong Kong, Johannesburg and New York.

In 2003, Jack Vettriano was awarded an Honorary doctorate from St Andrew's University and an OBE for Services to the Visual Arts. In April 2004, his painting The Singing Butler was sold at Sotheby's for in excess of £700,000 a record breaking price for a painting by a Scottish artist.

Lithograph on Canvas

This printing technique uses a planographic process in which prints are pulled on a special press from a flat stone or metal surface. The surface has been chemically treated so that ink sticks only to the design areas, and is repelled by the non-image

areas. Lithography was invented in Germany in 1798. The early history of lithography is dominated by great French artists such as Daumier and Delacroix, and later by Degas, Toulouse-Lautrec, Picasso, Braque and Miro.

Based on the principle that oil and water repel, a Lithograph is created when an artist produces an oil-based or pen image on a stone or piece of metal. This surface is then moistened and covered with an oil-based ink. The resulting chemical reaction between the oil and water drives away the ink on the surface except where the drawing was first done. Fine quality paper is then placed against the surface and a lithographic press is used to create the print. Modern technology and processes have provided artists with many unique methods with which to create magnificent lithographs. In the 1890s color lithography became enormously popular with French artists, Toulouse-Lautrec most notably of all, and by 1900 the medium in both color and monotone was an accepted part of printmaking, although France and the US have used it more than other countries. George Bellows, Alphonse Mucha, Pablo Picasso, Jasper Johns, David Hockney and Robert Rauschenberg are a few of the artists who have produced most of their prints in the medium.

As a special form of lithography, the Serilith process is sometimes used. Serilith are mixed media original prints created in a process where an artist uses the lithograph and serigraph process. The separations for both processes are hand drawn by the artist. The serilith technique is used primarily to create fine art limited print editions.

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