

**Eugène Delacroix, Künstler/-in (\*26.4.1798 Charenton-Saint-Maurice, +13.8.1863 Paris)**

Title	<b>Milton dictant à ses filles son poème épique, « Le paradis perdu »</b>
Also known as	<b>Milton diktiert seinen Töchtern das Epos «Paradise Lost»</b> <b>Milton Dictating 'Paradise Lost' to His Daughters</b> <b>Milton et ses filles / Milton dictant le Paradis Perdu à ses filles [original]</b>
Date	<b>1827/1828</b>
Medium	<b>Oil on canvas</b>
Dimensions	<b>image: 80.5 x 64.5 cm</b>
Signature	<b>inscr. b. l.: Eug Delacroix.</b>
Inscription	-
Catalogue raisonné	<b>Johnson 1981 I.123.128</b>
Edition / number	-
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Inv. No.	<b>1988/0028</b>
Credit line	<b>Kunsthaus Zürich, Donated by the Canton of Zurich, 1988</b>
Accession year	<b>1988</b>
Object type	painting
Classification	C 1[2] painting 19th century FRA
Description	The painting ties in romantically with the Dutch bourgeois-realistic painting of the 17th century, especially with interiors of Terborch. The painting in the background quotes Raphael's 'Banishment from Paradise' in the loggias of the Vatican. Delacroix exhibited this painting in the Salon in 1828, which was the subject of his artistic inspiration, along with major works such as 'Death of Sardanapal' (Paris, Louvre) and 'Dying Greece on the Ruins of Missolunghi' (Bordeaux); to ensure that it was completed in time, Ary Scheffer, his fellow student at Géricault, helped him with the central figure. As early as 1822, Delacroix had noted in his journal the intention to treat a theme from the life of John Milton (1608-1674). When he wrote his famous biblical epic, he was blind; his

visions inspired Heinrich Fuseli to create his 'Milton Gallery' (see inv. 1838, inv. 2563, inv. 1946/13 and inv. 1976/25).

Provenance	Eugène Delacroix (*1798 Charenton-Saint-Maurice, +1863 Paris) (Künstler/-in) wohl, 1828 – 1885, Duc de Fitz-James und Erben Verbleib unbekannt 31.1.1887, [Auktion], Lot 20 Paul Durand-Ruel (*1831 Paris, +1922 Paris), Paris, Kauf, 8200.00 FRF Erwin Davis, New York, NY 19.3.1889 – 20.3.1889, [Auktion], New York, NY, Versteigerung Erwin Davis, Lot 107 H. B. Davis (Sammler/-in) 7.3.1907 – 25.5.1907, Paul Durand-Ruel (*1831 Paris, +1922 Paris) (Kunsthandel), New York, NY, Kommission, zurück Verbleib unbekannt Katharine M. Berwind (Sammler/-in), New York, NY 22.3.1946, [Auktion], New York, NY, Versteigerung Katharine M. Berwind, Lot 282 22.3.1946 – 1987, George Heard Hamilton (Sammler/-in), Williamstown, MA, Kauf 1987, Kanton Zürich (Sammlung), Zürich, Kauf aus der Ausstellung im Kunsthause Zürich ab 1988, Zürcher Kunstgesellschaft   Kunsthause Zürich (Museum), Zürich, Geschenk des Kantons Zürich zum 200-Jahr-Jubiläum der Zürcher Kunstgesellschaft
Provenance category	-
About the provenance	[State of research 01.01.2007]
Literature	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Die Meisterwerke, hrsg. von Zürcher Kunstgesellschaft/Christian Klemm, Sammlungskatalog Kunsthause Zürich, Ostfildern: Hatje Cantz, 2007, S. 131 (ill.).</li><li>- Kunsthause Zürich. Gesamtkatalog der Gemälde und Skulpturen, hrsg. von Zürcher Kunstgesellschaft et al., Sammlungskatalog, Ostfildern: Hatje Cantz, 2007, S. 228.</li><li>- Lee Johnson: The Paintings of Eugène Delacroix. A Critical Catalogue 1816-1831, Bd. 1 von 7, Oxford: University Press, 2002, No. 128.</li><li>- Delacroix and the Matter of Finish, Ausst.-Kat. Santa Barbara Museum of Art/Birmingham Museum of Art, Santa Barbara, 2013, S. 99 ill. No. 4.</li><li>- Kunsthause Zürich. 57 Meisterwerke. Liber amicorum für Felix Baumann, Sammlungskatalog Kunsthause Zürich, Zürich, 2000, S. 20 f. (ill.) [Text: Paul Lang].</li><li>- Alfred Robaut: L'œuvre complet de Eugène Delacroix. Peintures, dessins, gravures, lithographies, Paris, 1885, No. 87, S. 538.</li><li>- Geschenke und Neuerwerbungen zum 200-Jahr-Jubiläum der Zürcher Kunstgesellschaft, hrsg. von Felix Baumann, Ausst.-Kat. Kunsthause Zürich/Zürcher Kunstgesellschaft, Zürich, 1988, No. 2, S. 12 f..</li><li>- Delacroix – Othoniel, Creten. Des fleurs en hiver, Ausst.-Kat. Musée National Eugène-Delacroix, Paris: Louvre Éditions, 2012, S. 32 f..</li><li>- Eugène Delacroix, Ausst.-Kat. Staatliche Kunsthalle Karlsruhe, Heidelberg: Kehrer, 2003, No. 24 (ill.) [Text: Holger Jacob-Friesen].</li><li>- Sean Silver: The mind is a collection. Case studies in eighteenth-century thought, Philadelphia, PA: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2015, S. 38</li></ul>