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Ivon Hitchens: Two Pen and Ink Drawings

£1,900

Two pen and ink drawings by Ivon Hitchens, titled ***Courtyard Figure*** and ***Mollie and John Hitchens***. The latter being a preparatory sketch for a painting in a series titled ***John By Jordan***.

Each presented mounted in bespoke stained Sycamore frames protected under UV filtered glass.

Both sketches are from a series of works from the early years at Lavington Common were portraits of his wife and son, executed with tenderness and intimacy such as *Boy in Bed*, 1943 in the Tate, and the present sketch

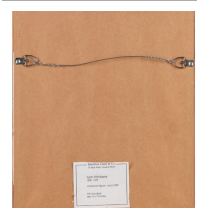
DIMENSIONS

Courtyard Figure 9 inches x 7 inches [32 cm (12.5 inches) x 28 cm (11 inches) framed]

Mollie and John Hitchens 13 inches x 8 inches [41 cm (16 inches) x 29.5 cm (11.75 inches) framed]

SKU: C4417

Year: English. Circa 1942



This is a preparatory sketch for an extended series of paintings of Mollie Hitchens and their son John, the general title of which is 'John by Jordan', Jordan being the name for the old tin bath the family used and kept beneath the caravan, and in which John (weather permitting) was bathed in the garden. A perfect mother and child subject, the garden setting hints at a kind of Golden Age innocence, where the family are at one with nature.

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