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THÉO VAN RYSSELBERGHE (1862-1926)

Portrait de Sylvie Lacombe 1906 oil on canvas 23 x 28 ¼ in. (58.4 x 71.7 cm)



PROVENANCE

M. Lacombe
Paul Gal.
Hammer Galleries, New York
Nathan Bernstein
Private Collection (purchased from above early 1990's)

EXHIBITION

Brussels, Centre for Fine Arts Brussels; The Hague, Gemeentemuseum, Théo Van Rysselberghe, 2006, p. 259, ill. p. 232

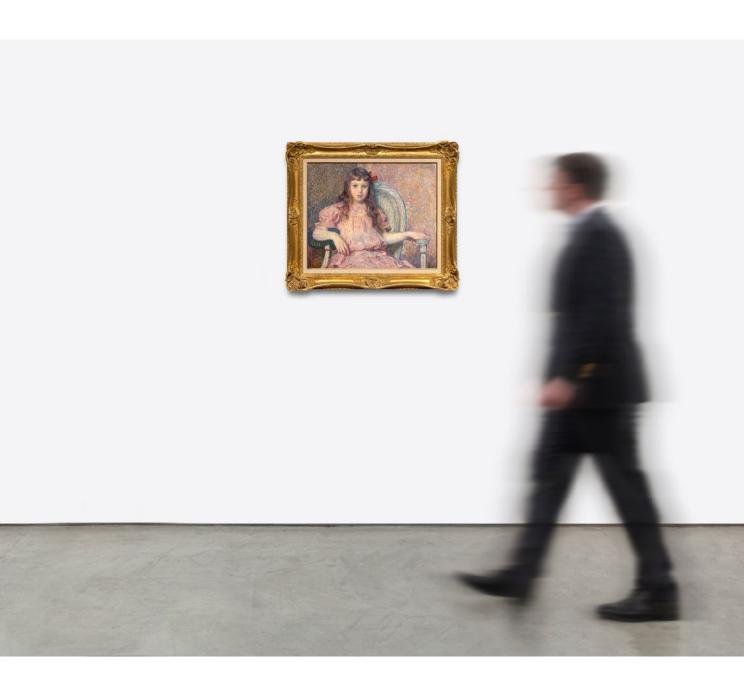
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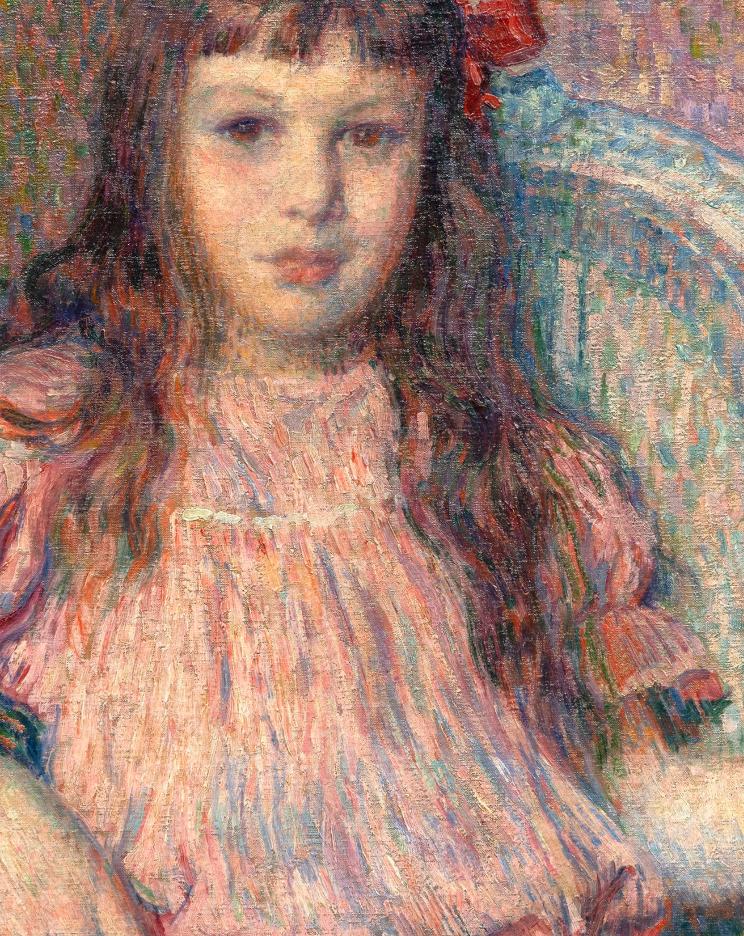
Ronald Feltkamp, Théo Van Rysselberghe. Catalogue Raisonné, Brussels, 2003, no. 1906-016, ill. p. 358. Brussels, Centre for Fine Arts Brussels; The Hague, Gemeentemuseum, Théo Van Rysselberghe, 2006, p. 259, ill. p. 232.

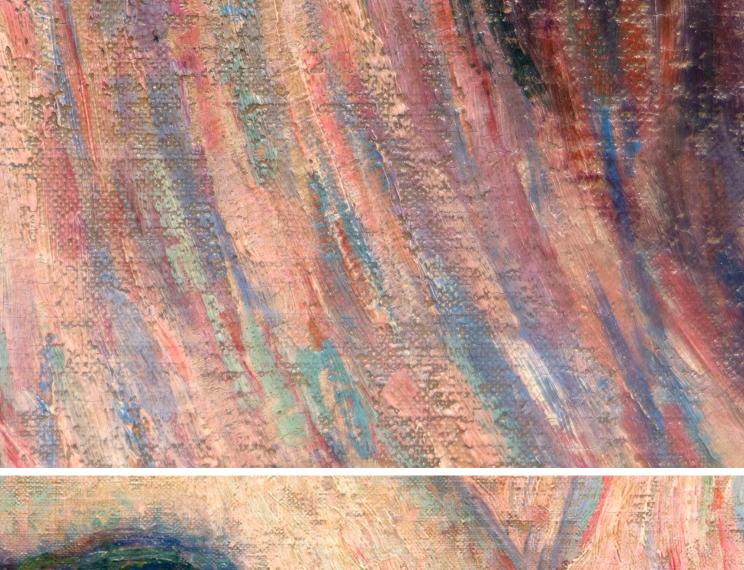
-**IMPORTANT** FACTS

- Portrait de Sylvie Lacombe, painted in 1906, is a classic masterwork by one of the most refined and consistent portrait painters of his time. The color is harmonious, the brushwork vigorous and tailored to its material task, her body and countenance true and revealing.
- The sitter is the daughter of his good friend, the painter Georges Lacombe, who shared a close association with Gauguin, and was a member of Les Nabis with artists Bonnard, Denis, and Vuillard, among others.
- Three of Van Rysselberghe's top ten sales at auction occurred in the last three years and half of his top ten sales at auction occurred in the last six years.

DETAIL IMAGES

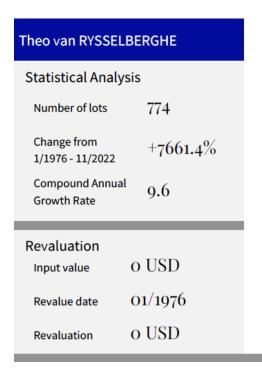


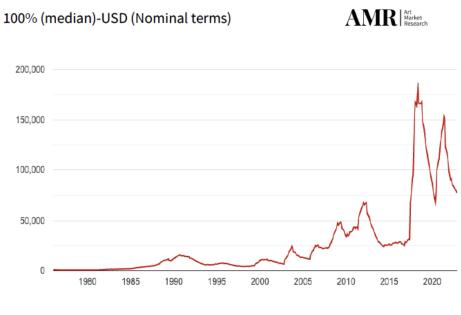






MARKET ANALYSIS





Three of Van Rysselberghe's top ten sales at auction occurred in the last three years.

Half of his top ten sales at auction occurred in the last six years.

Nine of his top 20 sales at auction are portraits.

TOP RESULTS AT AUCTION

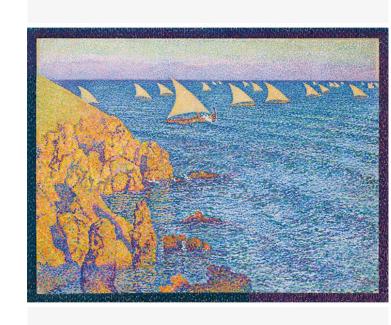


L'Escaut en amont D'Anvers, le Soir or Voiliers sur L'Escaut 1892 oil on canvas 26 ¼ x 35 5% in. (66.7 x 90.5 cm)

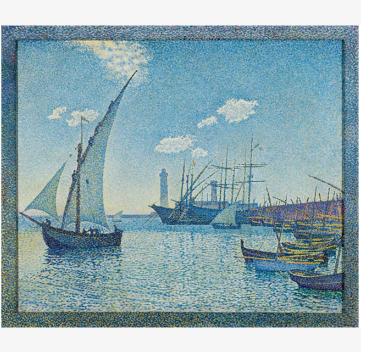
Sold at Sotheby's London: June 2017 for \$10,744,500

Barques de pêche-Méditerranée 1892 oil on canvas 24 ¾ x 33 in. (63 x 84 cm)

Sold at Christie's New York: July 2020 for \$9,128,000



TOP RESULTS AT AUCTION



Port de Cette, Les Tartanes 1892 oil on canvas $23 \frac{1}{2} \times 27 \frac{1}{2}$ in. (59.7 x 69.9 cm)

Sold at Sotheby's New York: November 2017 for \$7,227,800

À Thuin ou La Partie de Tennis 1889 oil on canvas 21 ½ x 26 ¼ in. (53.8 x 66.7 cm)

> Sold at Christie's Paris: June 2020 for \$5,847,765



COMPARABLE PAINTINGS SOLD AT AUCTION



Jeune femme au bord de la grève 1901 oil on canvas 40 x 32 in. (101 x 80.9 cm)

Sold at Sotheby's London: February 2008 for \$1,470,500

A significant result at auction for a female portrait.

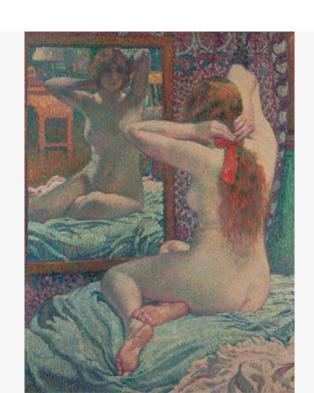
Both works use the artist's signature, pointillist approach.

Le Ruban Écarlate 1906 oil on canvas 45 ½ x 35 in. (116.2 x 88 cm)

Sold at Sotheby's New York: November 2016 for \$1,452,500

A nude, a rarity at auction for the artist.

Both works are excellent examples of Post-Impressionism.



COMPARABLE PAINTINGS SOLD AT AUCTION



Le Docteur Auguste Weber 1892-1893 oil on canvas 39 x 32 ½ in. (104.8 x 85 cm)

Sold at Christie's London: February 2018 for \$1,380,000

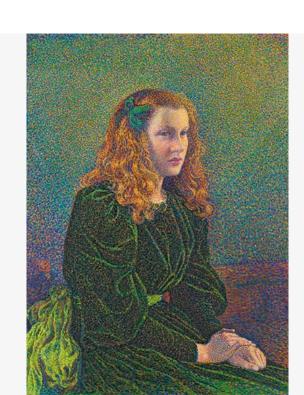
A significant price paid for a portrait.

This sale demonstrates the deep interest level in Rysselberghe portraiture.

Jeune femme en robe verte 1893 oil on canvas $32 \% \times 23 \%$ in. (81.7 x 60.6 cm)

Sold at Christie's London: February 2010 for \$1,227,000

A comparable portrait, executed in the pointillist style Rysselbeghe is best known for developing, along with Signac and Seurat.



PAINTINGS IN MUSEUM COLLECTIONS



The Musée d'Orsay Paris

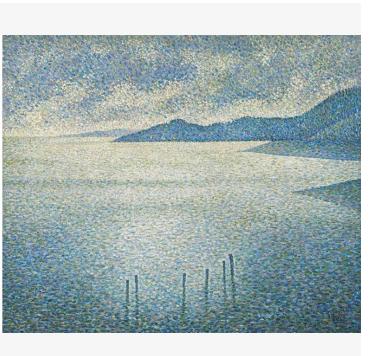
Etude de femme nue 1913 oil on canvas 26 x 39 in. (65.5 x 100 cm)

The Metropolitan Museum of Art New York

Little Denise 1889 oil on canvas $41 \times 23 \%$ in. $(103 \times 60.3 \text{ cm})$



PAINTINGS IN **MUSEUM COLLECTIONS**



The National Gallery London

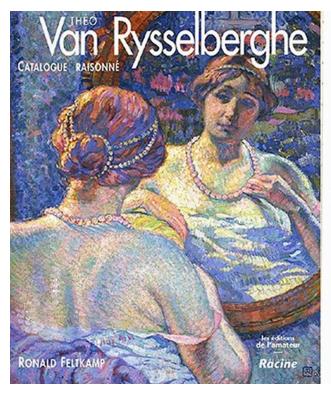
Coastal Scene 1892 oil on canvas 20 x 24 in. (50.8 x 60.9 cm)

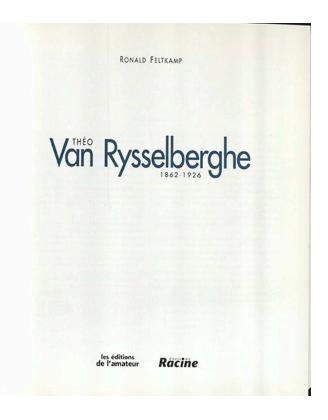
The Museum of Modern Art New York

Self-Portrait 1888-89 pastel and crayon on paper 13 x 10 in. (34 x 25.7 cm)



AUTHENTICATION

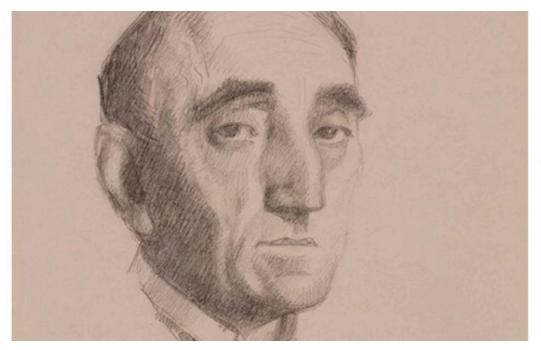






Feltkamp, R., *Théo Van Rysselberghe*, *Catalogue Raisonné*, Brussels, 2003, no. 1913-023, illustrated p. 178 and 406

HISTORY



Théo Van Rysselberghe, Self-Portrait, 1920, Museum of Fine Art, Gent, Belgium

Théo van Rysselberghe's *Portrait de Sylvie Lacombe*, painted in 1906, is a classic masterwork by one of the most refined and consistent portrait painters of his time. The color is harmonious, the brushwork vigorous and tailored to its material task, her body and countenance true and revealing. The sitter is the daughter of his good friend, the painter Georges Lacombe, who shared a close association with Gauguin, and was a member of Les Nabis with artists Bonnard, Denis, and Vuillard, among others. We now know about Sylvie Lacombe because Van Rysselberghe is so skilled at rendering subtle facial expressions and through careful observation and attention to detail, provided insights into her inner world. He has chosen a direct gaze, her eyes to yours, an inescapable covenant between

subject and viewer regardless of our physical relationship to the painting. Van Rysselberghe had largely abandoned the Pointillist technique when he painted this portrait. But he continued to apply color theory guidelines by using tints of red — pinks and mauves — against greens to create a harmonious ameliorated palette of complementary colors to which he added a strong accent to draw the eye — an intensely saturated, red bow asymmetrically laid to the side of her head.



Théo Van Rysselberghe *Sylive Lacombe*, 1906

Théo Van Rysselberghe Portait de Marguerite Van Mons, 1886 Museum of Fine Art, Gent, Belgium

