

THOMAS MORAN (1837-1926)

Jupiter Terrace, Yellowstone Signed lower left, "Moran / 93." oil on canvas 20 x 30 in. 1893

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PROVENANCE:

Reed Family Collection, Beverly Hills, California Private Collection, Honolulu, Hawaii By descent through the family Christie's New York: Thursday, May 26, 1994 [Lot 73], Important American Paintings, Drawings and Sculpture. Private collection acquired at the above sale

EXHIBITION:

Coe Kerr Gallery, New York Gerald Peters Gallery, Santa Fe Findlay Art Galleries, Inc., Kansas City, Missouri The Montclair Museum of Art, New Jersey, Passionate Pursuits: Hidden Treasures of the Garden State, Sept. 29, 1996 - Jan. 5, 1997

Thomas Moran (1837-1926) was born into a working-class family of weavers in Bolton, England. Left behind by the industrialization of the textile industry in the mid 19th century, the family emigrated to Philadelphia in 1844. As a teenager, Moran became an apprentice for the Philadelphia engraving firm of Scattergood and Telfer but left after three years in order to pursue painting. He spent several years training with his older brother, Edward, who was working as a marine painter and developed a lifelong fascination with the work of the English landscape painter J.M.W. Turner.

The major turning point in Moran's career came in 1871 when he accompanied a geological survey of Yellowstone, working closely with photographer William H. Jackson to create paintings that captured the fascinating natural beauty and grandeur of the area. Moran's paintings of Yellowstone won considerable attention and are credited as helping bring about Yellowstone's designation as America's first national park.

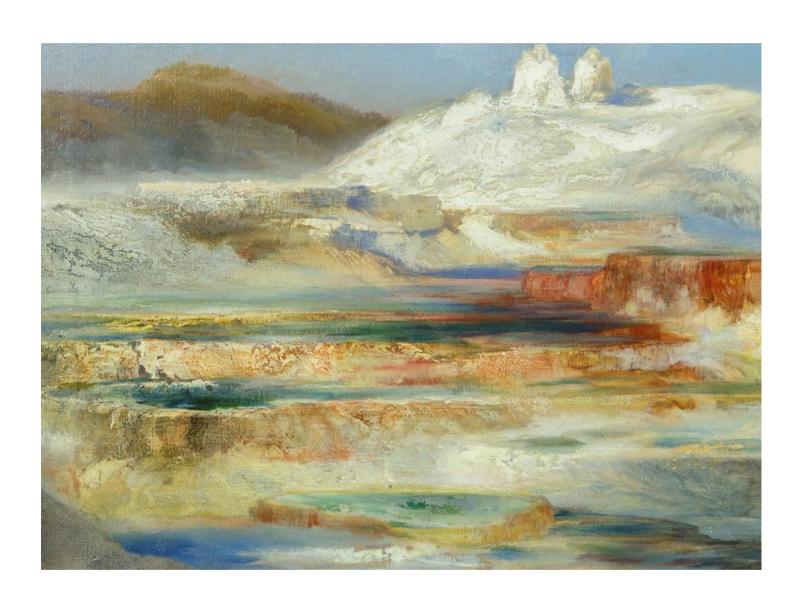
During the next few years, Moran accompanied more exhibitions into the American West, journeying to places which included Yosemite, the Grand Canyon, the Colorado River, the Mount of the Holy Cross and creating majestic paintings of the natural beauty that he found there. For the rest of his life, Moran continued to travel widely, creating drawings, etchings, and paintings of what he encountered. Today, Moran is credited as playing a pivotal role in creating the mythology of the American West.

Moran's canonical work is represented in the permanent collections of the Smithsonian Institution, Washington D.C.; National Gallery of Art, Washington D.C.; Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York; Philadelphia Museum of Art, Philadelphia; Art Institute of Chicago; Chicago; Brooklyn Museum, New York; Museum of Fine Arts, Boston; and

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CONDITION REPORT

Thomas Moran Jupiter Terrace, Yellowstone, 1893 Oil on canvas 20 x 30 inches Signed and dated lower left Moran / 93

This painting is in very good condition. The canvas is unlined, however the tacking edges have been reinforced to allow for safe stretching. The paint layer is clean and lightly varnished. With the exception of two tiny retouches above the white hills in the distance there are no retouches. The legendarily fickle paint layer, which is the signature of Moran's work, is in perfect condition. All of his glazes and subtle touches in the landscape are intact. No further restoration is recommended.

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