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Dickinson New York

In Bloom: American Impressionism

Opening 22 March 2021 980 Madison Avenue, New York, NY 10075

To mark the arrival of Spring,
Dickinson New York will present *In Bloom*, featuring oil paintings and works on paper by leading names in American Impressionism including Metcalf, Hassam, Sargent and Chase. Two highlights, Willard Metcalf's *The Path* and Childe Hassam's *Woman Reading (Portrait of Nellie Dubois Boyle)*, will be offered for sale for the first time in over 30 years.



Willard L. Metcalf, *The Path*, 1912, oil on canvas, 29 x 33 in. (73.7 x 83.8 cm.)

Metcalf's *The Path*, painted in the summer of 1912, is a vibrant exploration of sunlight and shadow by the 'poet laureate of the New England Hills'. Having spent time studying in Europe and visited Monet at Giverny, Metcalf was admired by collectors for his ability to combine the techniques of French Impressionism with a uniquely American sensibility. Although the location of this landscape is not specifically identified, it is likely to depict either the area around the Cornish artists' colony in New Hampshire or Midcoast Maine.

Metcalf's friend Childe Hassam, likewise a leading figure in American Impressionist circles, initially made his reputation as a watercolorist. A visit to Europe taught him the importance of painting *en plein air*, and, in *Woman Reading*, Hassam depicts his friend, pupil and frequent model Nellie Dubois Boyle absorbed in a book on a grassy river bank. The work remained with the family of the sitter until the 1980s.

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These examples will be joined by John Singer Sargent's 1909 landscape *Olives at Corfu*, a fresh and painterly composition by an artist who was as talented a landscapist as he was a painter of stylish society portraits. A frequent traveler, Sargent spent over a month on Corfu in early autumn 1909, producing dynamic, informal, sun-drenched views in both oils and watercolors.

*In Bloom*, which also features an important landscape by William Merritt Chase, will be on view at Dickinson New York, 980 Madison Avenue, from 22 March through 30 April.

For information on Dickinson Gallery

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