

Basic Detail Report



Title

The Peasant Paying His Debt

Artist

Adriaen van Ostade

Date

about 1646

Dimensions

4 x 3 1/4 in.

Medium

Etching

Classifications

Prints

Object number

1926.1

Exhibition History

TMA Inner Space: June 20, 2008 through Oct.10, 2008.

TMA, Storytelling in Miniature, October 7, 2011-March 4,

2012.

Collections

Works on Paper

Label Text

Like his teacher Frans Hals, the Dutch painter and printmaker Adriaen van Ostade depicted the daily activities of the lower classes with a realism that verged on caricature. He etched with a highly expressive, lively, and sketchy line. In his later works Ostade was influenced by Rembrandt's dramatic use of contrasting lights and darks. In this print the room is flooded with light from the doorway while the foreground is in shadow. The effect is as if the viewer is looking at the scene through a hole in a wall in the next room.

Not On View