GLOSSARY AND OIL SKETCH KEY

Nineteenth-Century Art at the Snite Museum

One of the strengths of the Snite Museum's nineteenth-century collection is its extensive group of oil sketches, comprised largely of a generous gift made by Noah L. and Muriel S. Butkin in 2009. By the 1800s, the Academy in France had schematized the production of art, carefully naming and describing each step in a rigorous system. The display of this material here introduces the visitor to a highly intellectualized generative process as it was then taught in France, from an artist inception or "first thought" to the final presentation piece. Artists were not discouraged from expressing themselves on canvas or in clay, but rather schooled in practices that would articulate their ideas and feelings in a prescribed manner to a broad audience.

GLOSSARY*

croquis
krō-kee'

a preliminary, thumbnail sketch made to lay out the basic composition of a work with an emphasis on improvisation and spontaneity with the intention of testing the "spirit" of the idea (4. Delaunay or 10. Meissonier).

première pensée pre-mee-air' poñ-say'

literally "first thought" or "first idea," it is interchangeable with croquis.

esquisse es-kees'

the next step in the design process after the *croquis*, a painted sketch, often smaller than the final project, working out relationships between figures and masses and used to guide the composition and color of the final work (6. Guillemot).

ébauche ay-bōsh′

blocking in of the colors and masses which became the basis of the final composition (5. Legros).

effet eh-fay'

literally "effect," here used to describe the arrangement of color harmonies in order to evoke a mood (2. Dehodencq).

étude ay-tood'

studies of figures or objects, working out the details of gestures or positions (25. Gervex or 26. Cormon).

pochade pō-shahd'

a study of an effect determining the correct values that accurately conveyed the mood of the motif (8. Diaz de la Peña or 13. Granet).

présentation

a small-scale, finished version of a final composition, often presented to a patron for approval before work on the full-scale project began (27. Flandrin).

pray-zoñ-ta-see-on'

^{*} Adapted from Albert Boime, *The Academy & French Painting in the Nineteenth Century*, New Haven: Yale University Press, 1986.









































Oil Sketch Key

1. A Battle Scene

Horace Vernet, French, 1789–1863 oil on canvas. Gift of Mr. and Mrs. Noah L. Butkin 2009.045.060

- 2. *Study for *King Boabdil's Farewell to Granada*, 1869 Alfred Dehodencq, French, 1822–1882 oil on canvas. Gift of Mr. and Mrs. Noah L. Butkin 2009.045.109
- 3. *Horatio Defending the Bridge
 Circle of Eugène Delacroix, French
 oil on canvas. Gift of Mr. and Mrs. Noah L. Butkin
 2009.045.052
- 4. Sketch for *The Plague in Rome*, ca. 1859–69
 Elie Delaunay, French, 1828–1891
 oil on canvas. Purchased with funds provided by the Butkin Foundation and the Kaeser Liturgical Fund 2004.018
- Le Plain Chant, 1863
 Alphonse Legros, French, 1837–1911
 oil on canvas. Gift of Mr. and Mrs. Noah L. Butkin 2009.045.041

6. Mars, Guided by Cupid, Comes upon the Sleeping Rhea Sylvia, ca. 1816–19

Alexandre-Charles Guillemot, French, 1786–1831 oil on canvas. Acquired with funds provided by The Butkin Foundation 1996.029

- 7. Figures Fleeing a Catastrophe (The Sack of a Church?)
 Jean-Baptiste Carpeaux, French, 1827–1875
 oil on paper mounted to board. Gift of Mr. and Mrs. Noah L. Butkin 2009.045.070
- 8. *The Rescue*, 1830 (?)

Narcisse Virgile Diaz de la Peña, French, 1808–1876 oil on panel. Gift of Mr. and Mrs. Noah L. Butkin 2009.045.066

- 9. *The Corpse of King Clother on His Bier Jean-Paul Laurens, French, 1838–1921 oil on canvas. Gift of Mr. and Mrs. Noah L. Butkin 2009.045.093
- **10.** Samson Fighting the Philistines, ca. 1845
 Jean Louis Ernest Meissonier, French, 1815–1891
 oil on canvas. Gift of Dr. and Mrs. Norval Green
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- 11. *Soldier Being Mauled by a Lion, 1877–1885 François Chifflart, French, 1825–1901 oil on panel. Gift of Mr. and Mrs. Noah L. Butkin 2009.045.116
- **12.** *Study for *Mater Salvatoris*, for St. Eustache, Paris ca. 1851–56

Thomas Couture, French, 1815–1879 oil on canvas. Museum purchase by exchange, Fred B. Snite 1988.016

13. **The Ruins*, 1832

François-Marius Granet, French, 1775–1849 oil on canvas. Gift of Mr. and Mrs. Noah L. Butkin 2009.045.069

- **14.** *Study for *Peasants of the Vosges Fleeing before the Invasions, 1814*, ca. 1867
 Gustave Brion, French, 1824–1877
 oil on panel. Gift of Mr. and Mrs. Noah L. Butkin 2009.045.101
- **15.** *Judith and Holofernes*, ca. late 1860s Henri Regnault, French, 1843–1871 oil on panel. Gift of Mr. and Mrs. Noah L. Butkin 2009.045.057

- **16.** *Study for *The Nights of Penelope*, 1865 Léon Glaize, French, 1842–1932 oil on canvas. Gift of Mr. and Mrs. Noah L. Butkin 2009.045.104
- 17. Odalisque, ca. 1870 Henri Regnault, French, 1843–1871 oil on canvas. Gift of Mr. and Mrs. Noah L. Butkin 2009.045.091
- **18.** *Study for *Raphael in the Sistine Chapel* before 1880?

Jean-Léon Gérôme, French, 1824–1904 oil on canvas. Gift of Mr. and Mrs. Noah L. Butkin 2009.045.098

- **19.** *Study for *Le Picador*, 1866–70 Jean-Léon Gérôme, French, 1824–1904 oil on canvas. Gift of Mr. and Mrs. Noah L. Butkin 2009.045.123
- 20. *Study for Socrates Seeking Alcibiades in the House of Aspasia, ca. 1861
 Jean-Léon Gérôme, French, 1824–1904

Jean-Léon Gérôme, French, 1824–1904 oil over ink on canvas. Gift of Mr. and Mrs. Noah L. Butkin 2009.045.067















- 21. *Portrait of the Actor, Constant Coquelin the Elder (1841–1909), ca. 1881–82

 Jules Bastien-Lepage, French, 1848–1884
 oil on canvas
 Acquired with funds provided by The Butkin Foundation 1981.105
- **22.** Study of a Woman in Period Costume Ferdinand Roybet, French, 1840–1920 oil on panel. Gift of Mr. and Mrs. Noah L. Butkin 2009.045.119
- 23. *Study for *The Death of a Sister of Charity*, ca. 1850 Isidore Alexandre Augustin Pils, French, 1813–1875 oil on canvas. Gift of Mr. and Mrs. Noah L. Butkin 2009.045.118
- **24.** *Saint Joan: A Study for an Unrealized Project for the Panthéon*, ca. 1876–86
 Paul Baudry, French, 1828–1886
 oil on canvas. Gift of Mr. and Mrs. Noah L. Butkin 2009.045.079
- **25.** *Communicants, ca. 1877
 Henri Gervex, French, 1852–1929
 oil on canvas. Gift of Mr. and Mrs. Noah L. Butkin 2009.045.039
- 26. *The Head of Cain, ca. 1878–1880 Fernand Cormon, French, 1845–1924 oil on canvas with graphite, squared Gift of Mr. and Mrs. Noah L. Butkin 2009.045.088

27. *Studies for the Chapel of Saint John the Evangelist, Church of Saint-Séverin, Paris, 1839–40 Hippolyte Jean Flandrin, French, 1809–1864

The Calling of Saint John
oil on canvas, mounted to panel and cardboard
Gift of Mr. and Mrs. Noah L. Butkin
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The Martyrdom of Saint John oil on canvas, mounted to panel and cardboard Gift of Mr. and Mrs. Noah L. Butkin 2009.045.083

Saint John on Patmos

oil on canvas, mounted to panel and cardboard Gift of Mr. and Mrs. Noah L. Butkin 2009.045.084

The Last Supper

oil on canvas, mounted to panel and cardboard Gift of Mr. and Mrs. Noah L. Butkin 2009.045.085



