

CATALOGUE ENTRY: Renaissance Artwork Inventory

Accession Number: FLR-1498-0234

Date of Acquisition: 22 April 1498

Institution: Galleria degli Uffizi, Florence

ARTWORK DETAILS:

Title: Portrait of Lorenzo de' Medici

Artist: Sandro Botticelli (Alessandro di Mariano di Vanni Filipepi)

Medium: Tempera on panel

Dimensions: 57.5 x 44.0 cm

Date of Execution: circa 1478-1480

PROVENANCE HISTORY:

Commissioned by the Medici Bank for their headquarters on Via Larga, Florence. The painting remained in the Palazzo Medici until 1494 when Piero de' Medici fled the city. Subsequently acquired by Girolamo Savonarola's followers before being rescued by members of the Arte della Lana guild.

RELATED ARTISTS AND PATRONS:

- Leonardo da Vinci, who studied under Andrea del Verrocchio in Florence from 1466
- Michelangelo Buonarroti, born 6 March 1475 in Caprese, Republic of Florence
- Pope Sixtus IV, who commissioned the Sistine Chapel ceiling decoration
- Isabella d'Este, Marchioness of Mantua, renowned art collector

EXHIBITION HISTORY:

Displayed at the Palazzo Pitti from 15 June 1550 to 3 September 1737. Transferred to the Uffizi Gallery under Grand Duke Peter Leopold of Tuscany. Loaned to the Kunsthistorisches Museum in Vienna from 12 March 1882 to 28 November 1884.

CONSERVATION NOTES:

Restored by Giuseppe Molteni in Milan, 1856. Further conservation work completed at the Opificio delle Pietre Dure, Florence, between May 1978 and December 1979.