Basic Detail Report



Massacre of the Innocents

Date 1520 Primary Maker Marco Dente

Medium Engraving

Description

This engraving depicts the moment recounted in the Gospels (Matthew 2:16) when King Herod, having learned that a child had been born who would become King of the Jews, directed his soldiers to kill all infants two years of age and under in an attempt to destroy the Christ child. The focus of the engraving is the center; the murder of infants is shown in a coliseum. Figures are seen around the top of the coliseum as well as on the stage (indicated by steps) and floor. In the foreground, two infants have been killed and a woman holds the head of one in horror.

Dimensions

Overall, Sheet: 15 7/8 x 22 3/16 in. (40.3 x 56.4 cm) Overall, Mat: 23 1/16 × 29 5/8 in. (58.6 × 75.2 cm) Overall, Mat: 25 15/16 × 32 in. (65.9 × 81.3 cm)