

Etching.

HOLLAR’S PORTRAIT OF AN AFRICAN BOY

[Print of an African boy]

Author
HOLLAR

Publication date
1645

Publisher

Publication place
[Antwerp],

Physical description
Etching.

Dimensions
81 by 64mm. (3.25 by 2.5 inches).

Notes
In 1645, after his escape from the Parliamentary forces that had captured him as part of the Royalist regiment and his return to Antwerp, Hollar published a number of portraits, the most remarkable of which show three diasporic African people. The present image shows an African boy in profile wearing a broad white collar, set in an oval frame. Unfortunately almost all the subjects of Hollar’s portraits remain anonymous.

Bibliography
Met 61.663.192; NHG Hollar 147; Pennington 2005.

Provenance

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