

Basic Detail Report



Caricature of J. H. I. Browere

Date

after 1827

Primary Maker

William Dunlap

Medium

Oil on board

Description

A satirical scene in which a satyr, presumed to stand in for J. H. I. Browere, holds a handful of wet plaster in a woman's face. The pair sit on a marble bench. The satyr is unclothed (but with glasses on and a quill pen behind its ear), while the woman wears a pink gown. On the floor nearby, a cupid or putti holds its hands up in the air as it sits among art supplies. There is a sign behind the satyr reading "[???] Historical Sculptor In General", a sack next to it reading "Historic Plaister", and a sign on the wall reading "Sign Painting done Here. Images mde at the Shortest Notice." On the marble bench is carved "Joe Strickland" and "We hate a slanderer For his poisonous breath." A pot of plaster sits on a book titled "Alenrolle on the Fine Arts". (There is also an unreadable scroll nearby.) In the background are two indistinct male figures, one of which has a speech bubble reading, "By Gat! I shall make my fortune Hurra for de Plaistoror By Gat!"

Dimensions

Framed: 19 3/4 x 24 13/16 x 2 in. (50.2 x 63 x 5.1 cm) Sight: 14 3/4 x 19 3/4 in. (37.5 x 50.2 cm)