

OSBORNE SAMUEL

MODERN AND CONTEMPORARY ART

HENRY MOORE (1898-1986)



Study of Madonna and Child, 1943

Wash, pencil, wax resist & ink on paper

38.4 x 29.2 cms

(15.09 x 11.48 in)

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Signed lower right

Provenance:

The Artist

By whom gifted to Duncan Guthrie, 1952

Private Collection, UK

Reference:

HMF 2186b

This drawing is one of the preparatory studies for the Madonna and Child sculpture in St Matthews Church, Northampton which Moore executed in 1944. This particular version was also modelled by the artist in terracotta and subsequently cast in bronze.

Duncan Guthrie was the founder of the National Fund for Research into Poliomyelitis & Other Crippling Diseases, a charitable organisation now known as Action Medical Research. Following the charity's foundation in 1952, Guthrie inaugurated a series of Christmas seals as a fundraiser and invited Henry Moore to provide a design, which forms the present work.