

Albert Janesch, *Self Portrait with his Wife*

oil on canvas

40 3/8 by 36 5/8 inches (102.5 by 93 cm.)

signed lower right: 'Albert Janesch' and inscribed and dated upper right:

*'MEIN SELBSTBILDNIS IM 43. LEBENSJAHR MIT MEINEM BRAVEN WEIBE MARIA
ANTAONIA. WIEN IM JAHRE 1933'*

provenance: Private collection, Austria

exhibited: Künstlerhaus, Vienna, 1933.
XXIX Biennale di Venezia, 1934.
Haus de Deutschen Kunst, Munich 1937.

note: Albert Janesch was born on June 12, 1889 in Vienna. He primarily was a portrait, landscape and still-life painter, but also created some larger figural works. Janesch received his formal training at the Graphic Arts Teaching and Research Institute and at the Vienna Academy of Fine Arts. His teachers were Sigmund l'Allemand and Franz Rumppler.

In 1912 Janesch received the Prix de Rome and subsequently stayed from 1912 to 1913 in Italy. During the First World War he served on the Isonzo front-line as a war artist in the art group of the Imperial and Royal Press Quartier. He first worked in Belgrade, then Trieste until the autumn of 1916. In 1917 and 1918 he was on the Turkish front. In 1916 he received a First Prize in a war memorial competition. Several paintings from this period are now located in the Museum of Military History in Vienna. In addition, the Historical Museum of the City of Vienna hold works by the painter.

From 1919 on Janesch was a member of the Kunsthau Vienna. In 1924 and 1929 he received the Prize of the City of Vienna; in 1926 in Graz, the Golden State Medal; in 1927, the Julius Empire Award; and in 1928, the State Prize. In 1928 Janesch exhibited two paintings in the Vienna Kunsthau and in 1929 at the 50th Annual Exhibition he showed three more works. In 1930 he received the title of professor and in 1936 he undertook several study trips to Paris. In 1937 he once again received the Prize of the City of Vienna. In 1954 the Vienna Kunsthau dedicated an exhibition to the artist and he went on to receive the Great Golden Medal of Honor and the Austrian Cross of Honour for Science and Art. Janesch died in Vienna on May 10, 1973.