

Karl Wagner (Vienna 1856-1921 Perchtoldsdorf)

A Young Girl and an Old Man

Watercolour, gouache, pencil and pen and black ink and black wash, over an underdrawing in pencil.
A rapid sketch of two dancing(?) figures in blue chalk on the reverse.
Signed and dated K. Wagner / 04 at the left centre.
Inscribed …..Evidemment, je ne suis pas de première jeunesse / mais de là à dire que je tombe dans l'en-[fantillage]?? in the lower margin.
198 x 155 mm. (7 7/8 x 6 1/8 in.) [image]
243 x 192 mm. (9 1/2 x 7 5/8 in.) [sheet]

An identical signature is found on landscape painting of a cornfield, signed K. Wagner and dated 1916, which was sold at auction in Vienna in 1987 (Dorotheum, 19 May 1987, lot 293).