

18th Century CONTINENTAL SCHOOL

Studies of Five Mushrooms

Pen and brown ink and brown wash on laid paper.

Numbered 60 in pencil at the upper right.

439 x 280 mm. (17 1/4 x 11 in.) [sheet]

Watermark: D & C BLAUW.

This drawing was likely to have been intended to have been engraved as an illustration for a botanical publication. Two related drawings of mushrooms by the same hand, of similar dimensions and almost certainly part of the same series, recently appeared at auction in Paris.

A tentative attribution to the German botanical illustrator Georg Wilhelm Baurenfeind (1728-1763) may be suggested.