Photograph - Still Life with tulips

Object: Photograph

Place of origin: Paris (photographed)

Date: 1939 (photographed)
1939-40 (Printed)

Artist/Maker: Bing, Ilse, born 1899 - died 1998 (photographer)

Materials and Techniques: Gelatin-silver print on Agfa Brovira paper

Credit Line: Bequeathed by Ilse Bing Wolff

Museum number: E.3053-2004

Gallery location: Prints & Drawings Study Room, level F, case X, shelf 913, box H

Public access description
Ilse Bing (1899-1998) was one of several leading women photographers in the inter-war period. Born into a Jewish family in Frankfurt, she initially pursued an academic career before moving to Paris in 1930 to concentrate on photography.

In the early 1930s Bing had been a prolific photographer, well-known for her modernist, journalistic city scenes. This photograph was taken during a period when Bing made few photographs and felt that she had 'said what I had to say'. It demonstrates her skill in photographing still-life, an unusual subject for her. The sharp angles, steep perspective and focus on light and shade, typical of her images of buildings, add to the beauty of this delicate image.

Descriptive line

Physical description
This gelatin-silver print shows two tulips and a glass.

Dimensions
Height: 19.7 cm print goes to edge of paper, Width: 27.7 cm print goes to edge of paper

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