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Painting on rue Saint-Jean-Baptiste.

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Artiste / Auteur Barcelo, Michel

Date 2007-11

Medium and Support watercolor, cardboard

Measurements 30,5 x 40,5 cm

Historical context

Michel Barcelo (1938-2013), a Montreal painter, architect and urban planner, used drawing and painting to understand the urban landscape. The habit, acquired on a pleasure trip to Athens, enabled the painter to depict the city in a more personal and clearer way than photography: in his watercolors, we discover Montreal from a pedestrian's point of view, from its ordinary streets rather than its monuments. The watercolor above depicts rue Saint-Jean-Baptiste in Sainte-Anne-de-Bellevue, a short street that has retained some of its typical village and urban architecture. The street is characterized by small, one-storey houses with adjoining exterior walls.