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Painting on rue Drolet.

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Artiste / Auteur Barcelo, Michel

Date 2004-05

Medium and Support watercolor, cardboard

Measurements 30,5 x 40,5 cm

Historical context

Michel Barcelo (1938-2013), Montreal architect and urban planner, member emeritus of the Ordre des urbanistes du Québec and professor of urban planning at the School of Architecture of the Faculté de l'aménagement de l'Université de Montréal, was also a watercolorist. He endeavored to paint the streets of Montreal as they appeared in the 1990s and 2000s, faithfully reproducing the architecture of the buildings. Watercolor also captures the slightly cool light of Montreal's latitude. This particular work depicts rue Drolet, south of avenue Duluth. The rows of colorful houses in this area are due to the Portuguese community, which has been present in Montreal since at least 1952, and grew in importance from the 1960s onwards. Between 1950 and 1980, over 40,000 Portuguese immigrated to Quebec, many of them settling in Montreal.