

## Ernst Ludwig Kirchner: Picture "Kneeling Nude" (1905/06) (Unique piece)

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Ernst Ludwig Kirchner together with Erich Heckel, Ernst Ludwig Kirchner and Fritz Bleyl, founded the famous artists' group "Die Brücke" at the time this unique piece was painted.

He sketched this kneeling female nude with her arm propped at her side around 1905. He draws the model, whose face disappears in the shadows and under a curly pageboy cut, in rough strokes on toned wrapping paper. The light areas of skin create a powerful physicality, while the shading, executed with vehemence, models the spatial situation in the studio.

The intuitively groping yet expressive strokes and the angled limbs of the woman's depiction lend the naked body a defensiveness and wildness that is a most remarkable complement to the art-historically traditional subject of the sleeping Venus.

Black chalk drawing, 1905/06. On buff wove paper. With the estate stamp of the Kunstmuseum Basel (Lugt 1570 b) and the handwritten registration number "B Dre/Bg 17" on the verso. With a certificate from the Ernst Ludwig Kirchner Archive. Motif size/sheet size 43 x 34 cm. Size in frame 68 x 56.5 cm as shown.

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