# EARLY 20TH C. DESIGN



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### RENÉ BUTHAUD

Massive untitled preparatory drawing of a nude athlete

### France

RENE BUTHAUD (1886 - 1986) Massive untitled preparatory drawing of a nude athlete, France, ca. 1937 (framed); Gouache, charcoal, and graphite, fabric-backed paper; Signed R. BUTHAUD; Sight: 78" x 37"; Provenance: The artist; Michel Fortin, Paris; Collection of Stephen Engel, Florida; Literature: Cruège, René Buthaud 1886 - 1986, 1996, p. 14-15, 185; Exhibited: René Buthaud: Collection of the Artist, Michel Fortin Gallery, New York, 1981, cat. p. 19; Design for one of four massive vases for the Stade du Parc Lescure (now the Stade Chaban-Delmas), Bordeaux. Twelve preparatory drawings were completed; one is in the permanent collection of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, two are in private collections, and the other nine are being offered in this sale. The vases were completed in 1937 and remain outside the stadium today.

Estimate: \$4,500-6,500

Result: \$5,313

