

ANDERS LUNDE

1809–1886

86. *Summer Day by Furesøen*

(*Sommerdag ved Furesøen*)

Oil on canvas, 24¾ x 40½ in. (63 x 103 cm)

Signed lower left with monogram

PROVENANCE: Frederiksberg Ovenlyssal, Auction 282, 1957, lot 22, ill. (described as: *Sommerdag ved Furesøen 1875*); Arne Bruun Rasmussen, Auction 483, 1986, lot 33 (described as: *Sjællandsk landskab ved en sø, på engen står tørv til tørre*).

EXHIBITED: Presumably Charlottenborg 1873, no. 126 (described as: *Ved Furesøen*).

Anders Lunde is one of the lesser-known artists of the Danish Golden Age, and information available about him is sparse and often contradictory. We do know that he has a large oeuvre to his name, consisting mainly of landscapes. An examination of references to him in the Charlottenborg exhibition catalogues reveals especially the names of the most beautiful areas of northern Zealand such as Ermelund, Hellebæk, Gurre Lake, Rudersdal, Raadvad and Jægersborg Dyrehave.

For the first edition of Philip Weilbach's *Dansk Kunstnerleksikon*, Anders Lunde provided the information that the Royal Collection of Paintings purchased a landscape from him entitled *Strandparti i Nærheden af Taarbæk* (*The Shore near Taarbæk*) which was exhibited in 1841. He also said that he painted *Fredensborg Slot* (*Fredensborg Palace*) for Frederik VII in 1850, a work "that was presented by the King to the Russian Grand Duke."

The extensive, beautiful Furesø Lake is just over 6¼ miles (10 kilometres) northwest of the centre of Copenhagen. Lunde exhibited at Charlottenborg a work based on a motif from there in 1873. Although an auction catalogue from 1957 erroneously lists the painting as having been executed in 1875, it seems likely that this work was in fact the Loeb collection's *Summer Day, by Furesø Lake*. Indications are that the picture was probably intended for exhibition at Charlottenborg. The meticulous finish is impressive, and it is impossible not to delight in the many descriptive details as we move about in the picture's universe.

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