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Protection under the Act is sought for the objects listed in this document, which are intended to form part of the forthcoming exhibition, Titian: Love Desire Death.

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Protection under the Act is sought for the objects listed below:

Titian (active about 1506; died 1576)



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The Rape of Europa

1559-62

Place of manufacture: Italy

Oil on canvas

Object dimensions: 178 x 205 cm

Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, Boston

Lender's name and address

Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum

280 The Fenway

Boston

Massachusetts

02115

USA

Provenance: Painted for Philip II, King of Spain (1527-1598), between 1559 and 1562; by inheritance to Philip III, King of Spain (1568-1621); by inheritance to Philip IV, King of Spain (1605-1665); by inheritance to Charles II, King of Spain (1661-1700); by inheritance to Philip V, King of Spain (1683-1746); by whom presented to Antoine, 4th Duc de Gramont (1641-1720), French Ambassador to the Spanish court, 1704; by whom presented to the French regent, Philippe II, Duc d'Orléans (1674-1723), probably around 1706, certainly before 1721; by descent to Louis-Philippe-Joseph, Duke of Orléans (Philippe Égalité 1747-1793); by whom sold in 1792 to Édouard Walckiers (1758-1837) of Brussels (but resident in Paris); by whom sold in the same year to his cousin François-Louis-Joseph de Laborde-Méréville (1761-1801), Paris; by whom transported to London in 1793 and mortgaged to Jeremiah Harman (1763-1844); by whom sold in 1798 to the dealer Michael Bryan (1757-1821), acting on behalf of Francis, 3rd Duke of Bridgewater (1736-1803), George Granville Leveson-Gower, Earl Gower (1758-1833), later 2nd Marquess of Stafford and 1st Duke of Sutherland and Frederick Howard, 5th Earl of Carlisle (1748-1825); purchased by Thomas Noel Hill, 2nd Baron of Berwick (1770-1832) at the Bryan Orléans collection sale at the Lyceum, London, on 26 December 1798, lot. 220, for 700 guineas (Armstrong-Totten 2018, p. 250, no. 465); acquired by John Blight, 4th Earl of Darnley (1767-1831) Cobmah Hall, Kent, by 1816; by descent to John Stuart Bligh, 6th Earl of Darnley (1827-1896); purchased by the art dealers Colnaghi & Co., London, on 15 June 1896 for £14,000; sold by Colnaghi & Co., London, through the American art historian Bernard Berenson (1865-1959) to Isabella Stewart Gardner (1840-1924), in June 1896 for £20,000.

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J. I. Armstrong-Totten, Appendix. The Orléans Collection, in V. I. Schmid with J. J. Armstrong-Totten (eds.), *The Orléans Collection*, exh. cat., New Orleans, New Orleans Museum of Art, Lewes 2018, pp. 202-52.

*Note that this object has a complete provenance for the years 1933-1945