



Untitled (Young Boy with Bow Tie)

Date

1907

Primary Maker

William Joseph McCloskey

Medium

Oil on canvas

Description

Oil on canvas portrait by William Joseph McCloskey of a young boy wearing a white shirt and red bow tie. Portraiture painting was William McCloskey's strength. In the early 1900s when this portrait was made, the practice was quickly being replaced by the vanguard of photography, but William and his wife Alberta, among

other cohorts, still made a good living painting portraits for prominent figures and supporters of the art world. The McCloskeys especially depended on sympathetic likeness to convey their sitters' personalities, rather than incorporating physical items, such as books, in the background. Rather, the inner spirit of the sitter was able to come through, making William's paintings more of a metaphysical experience.

Dimensions

29 × 20 in. (73.7 × 50.8 cm) Framed: 28 3/4 × 24 1/8 × 1 1/2 in. (73 × 61.3 × 3.8 cm)