

Basic Detail Report



Wangchuan Villa

Date

1676

Primary Maker

Zhang Jishu

Medium

ink and colors on paper

Description

The poet-painter Wang Wei (699-761) flourished in the mid-T'ang period, which is generally regarded as the apogee of Chinese civilization. He was esteemed in his lifetime for his painting and music as well as his poetry, for which he is now principally known. It is said that in 715 Wang Wei designed the garden called Wang-ch'uan depicted in the Lowe Art Museum scroll, and that he himself painted ten to twenty views of it, none of which survive. The Chinese have always been great copyists, not so much to deceive as to study another great artist's style and to preserve it for posterity. It is therefore not surprising that since Wang Wei's time, this subject has been depicted by many artists.

Dimensions

Overall (Main Image): 11 7/8 x 157 1/4 in. (30.2 x 399.4 cm) Overall: 14 1/2 x 441 1/4 in. (36.8 x 1120.8 cm)