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PAUL FISCHER

b. Copenhagen 1860, d. Gemoltø 1934

Vesterbro Square with the Heracles Fountain. Signed Paul Fischer. Oil on panel 20 x 25 cm.

Since 1915, there has been a fountain on Vesterbro's Square named the Heracles Fountain, which was made by the sculptor Rasmus Harboe. We are used to see depictions of Heracles (in Greek) or Hercules (in Roman) as a well-grown powerful man, but here at the top of the fountain stands instead a little boy with a snake around each arm. Legend has it, that already as an infant he was so strong that he could suffocate two snakes.

Heracles was the son of Zeus and his extramarital affair Alkmene, and Zeus' wife Hera, in anger over his infidelity, sent the serpents out to kill Heracles in the cradle. To conciliate Hera, Zeus hurried to have the child named after her.

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