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FINE PAINTINGS



Wilhelm Friedrich Burger (1882 - 1964)

Tödi with the Biferten Glacier, Glarus Alps, Switzerland

oil on canvas

60 x 81 cm.

signed and dated on verso: 1946

At over 3,600 metres the Tödi Massif dwarfs its surrounding peaks. As the tallest summit in the Glarus Alps, it is also the most visible of all the mountains when seen from the city of Zurich, dominating the skyline at the southern end of the lake. These steep and relatively remote valleys around Tödi nowadays offer some of the finest ski touring in the country.

Burger's palette of shifting greens used to capture the shadows, pastures and the forested flanks is highly effective. The contrast between the snow-capped summits and the mist above the valley is especially striking in this composition.