



Al Hirschfeld, Bob Hope

Title

Bob Hope

Medium

Pen and ink on paper

Date

1940s

Dimensions

9 1/2 × 8 in. (24.1 × 20.3 cm)

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Web Description

Master of expressive line drawings, Al Hirschfeld made a long career of caricaturing famous faces from the stage and screen. His signature style pared down his subjects to a minimal number of sinuous lines, preserving the essence of a character that was instantly recognizable. His long career—over seventy years—at The New York Times covering the performing arts ensured that his work stayed in the public spotlight. Like all good caricatures, this work from early in the career of entertainer Bob Hope exaggerates the subject's facial features, but does so with an elegance and grace that goes beyond mere cartooning.