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Great Mythological Painting From The 17th Century, Infant Zeus And The Goat Amalthea



19 000 EUR

Period : 17th century

Condition : Très bon état

Material : Oil painting

Width : 224

Height : 162

Depth : 7

Description

COD: 10674

Antique Italian painting from the second half of the 17th century. Oil on canvas artwork of great pictorial quality depicting a mythological subject, infant Zeus and the goat Amalthea on Mount Ida. Legend has it that the titan Cronus had many children with his wife Rhea, but he devoured them all because a prophecy had warned him that one of his sons would overthrow him. His wife devised a plan to punish him and after giving birth to Zeus she handed over a stone wrapped in cloths in her place which her husband instantly devoured. The little one was raised on Mount Ida by the nymphs and nursed by the goat Amalthea. To cover the baby's cries, the nymphs used to sing, play and dance just like in our composition. Once Zeus became an adult he defeated Cronus

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and freed his brothers. Painting of exceptional size and impact adorned with an antique frame in wood and plaster, not contemporary, finely sculpted and gilded (bronze colour). Painting that develops horizontally, on multiple levels, full of characters and decorative elements such as festoons and vases that recall classical antiquity. Artwork of fabulous dynamism and joy where the characters dance and are portrayed with the intent of playing musical instruments, drinking wine and eating freshly picked fruit from the tree. Painting that has undergone conservative restoration, relining, replacement of the frame and color recovery in some small spots (see photo). Overall in very good condition. Sight size H 142 x W 204 cm.

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