



## Henri Joseph Harpignies Watercolor Country Landscape



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Signature : Henri Joseph Harpignies (1819-1916)

Period : 19th century

Condition : Très bon état

Material : Paper

Width : 27 cm

Height : 35,5 cm

### Description

Watercolor by Henri Joseph Harpignies, signed and dated lower right. Illegible date. In very good condition, light foxing blending into the landscape. Under mat, in a gilded wooden frame. Dimensions at sight of the watercolor 20.5x13 cm Total dimensions, with frame, 35.5x27 cm Two other works by this artist are for sale in our gallery. (See last photo of this ad) Henri Joseph Harpignies born in Valenciennes (North) on June 28, 1819 and died in Saint-Privé (Yonne) on August 28, 1916 is a French landscape painter, watercolorist and engraver from the Barbizon School. Henri Joseph Harpignies' parents intended him for a commercial career but his determination to become a painter led them to authorize him to enter the studio of Jean Achard in Paris in 1846. After two years of training, he

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left to travel in Italy. Returning to France in 1850, Henri Harpignies devoted himself to children's romps in landscaped environments and joined Corot and the Barbizon School, whose influence he was influenced by. Friendly, the two artists traveled together to Italy in 1860. In 1859, he collaborated on the decoration of the staff room of the Charité hospital in Paris, partially reconstructed at the Public Assistance Museum. On his return from Italy in 1861, he achieved his first success at the Salon with his *Lisière de bois sur les banks de l'Allier*. He then exhibited regularly at the Salon. In 1866, he received his first medal for *Le Soir dans la campagne de Rome*, acquired by the State. He then lived at 185, rue du Faubourg-Saint-Honoré in the 8th arrondissement of Paris (where a commemorative plaque pays tribute to him) before moving to 9, rue Coëtlogon. During his very long career, Henri Harpignies painted a large number of works in Hérisson in Bourbonnais, as well as in Nivernais and Auvergne. He created decorative works for the Paris Opera, including the *Val d'Égrie* panel, which he exhibited at the Salon in 1870. He was a friend of Léon Bonnat who painted his portrait twice in 1889 (Musée des Beaux-Arts of Valenciennes and Petit Palais in Paris). He painted the stained glass windows of the Château de Trousse-Barrière in Briare in 1895. In 1898, he was named Honorary Rosati. He will be rewarded many times. Medals at the Paris Salon in 1866, 1868 and 1869. Second class medal (silver) at the Universal Exhibition of 1878. Medal of honor in 1897 for *Solitude and Bords du Rhône*. In 1875, he was named a knight, then promoted to officer (1883), elevated to the rank of commander (1901) then grand officer (1911) of the national order of the Legion of Honor. Harpignies also made a very special place for himself as a watercolorist. We can say that he was to the Barbizon School what Guillaumin would be to the Impressionists. Anatole France called him the "Michelangelo of trees and peaceful countryside". Bibliography of Benezit Dictionary. of Dictionary of French

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