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Serafino Macchiati (camerino, 1861 - Paris, 1916). "illustration Project ". 19th Century.

750 EUR



Signature : Serafino MACCHIATI

Period : 19th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Oil painting

Length : 55 cm

Height : 38 cm

#### Description

Dimensions: 38 x 55 cm. No frame.

Monogrammed and titled.

Coming from the archives of the publisher  
Arthème Fayard. "Nimba", work by Marcel  
Prévost.

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1916).

Italian painter and illustrator, Serafino Macchiati  
trained in Rome among the divisionist painters  
and frequented the artistic and literary circles of  
the capital. The young artist quickly devoted part  
of his talent to illustrating works for Roman and  
then French publishers before settling in Paris in  
1898. In the bustling capital, he found his  
compatriot, the painter Giacomo Balla with who  
he shares accommodation and workshop. The two  
very politically engaged men became closer to the

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French revolutionary socialist, Henri Barbusse. While regularly collaborating with *Le Figaro Illustré*, Macchiati diversified his activities and produced several advertising posters in the Art Nouveau style then in vogue. As an illustrator, his style, close to that of Steinlen and Forain, is used in the novels of Balzac, Tolstoy and Conan Doyle. At the end of his life, the painter bequeathed to France a certain number of his works which entered the Luxembourg Museum upon his death in 1916. In 1922, the 13th Venice Biennale dedicated an exhibition to Serafino Macchiati where thirty-two of his works were presented, including *Garden under the snow*, *Cherry blossom*, *The Seine in Vitry*, *The Marne*, *Bateaux sur la Seine*, *Le Lavoir d'Anduze*, or *The Oak and the Olive Tree*. His descendant, Silvana Frezza Macchiati, in collaboration with Raffaele De Grada, published in 2003 a catalog raisonné of his work in two volumes.