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## Madonna With Sleeping Child, Giovan Battista Salvi Known As 'sassoferrato' (1609 - 1685) Circle



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Signature : Giovan Battista Salvi dit "il Sassoferrato" (1609 - 1685) cercle/atelier

Period : 17th century

Condition : Très bon état

Material : Oil painting

Width : 66 cm./ encadré 95 cm.

Height : 84 cm./ encadré 112 cm.

### Description

Giovan Battista Salvi known as 'il Sassoferrato'  
(1609 - 1685) circle/ workshop  
Madonna with sleeping child

Oil on canvas  
84 x 66 cm - Framed (19th century) 112 x 95 cm

All the details relating to this painting can be  
viewed at the following - [LINK](#) -

The painting presented here, executed in the  
second half of the 17th century with a good  
quality of execution and refined draftsmanship,  
depicts the Madonna in adoration as she gently  
holds the sheet on which the sleeping Child is  
lying, with a gesture of protection and pride,

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facilitating an atmosphere of intimate recollection.

The compositional prototype was conceived by the great Bolognese School leader Guido Reni (1575 - 1642), as evidenced by a print made by Francois de Poilly (Paris 1623-1693) (<https://www.metmuseum.org/art/collection/search/667926>). Like many of Reni's creations, it was later taken up and popularised by later versions executed by his pupils and followers, such as the 'Madonna and Child' attributed to Francesco Gessi (Bologna, 1588 - 1649) and now in the Louvre (<https://collections.louvre.fr/ark:/53355/cl010061140>).

This subject, albeit with some variations - often of the pose of the sleeping child, facing upwards as in this version, rather than reclining to the side or of the position of the Virgin, with her hands folded in prayer - was so successful that it became the preferred model for countless works destined for private devotion during the 17th century.

One of the greatest promulgators of the Rhenish images was undoubtedly Giovan Battista Salvi known as 'il Sassoferrato' (1609 - 1685) who, in his flourishing workshop, took up the subjects but reworked them with his own, clearly identifiable style, characterised by a marked elegance, gentleness and formal perfection, particularly of the faces, succeeding in achieving an effect of incredible intensity.

Born in Marchigiano, Salvi developed his activity in Rome, following the dictates of the classicist sacred painting of the Bolognese school of Reni, Carracci and Domenichino, but managing to have an autonomous and therefore clearly distinguishable style. The Madonnas that came out of his workshop, with the paleness of their faces and the bright colour of their cloaks, the

sweetness of their gazes and the gracefulness of their features, were to provide inspiration for the Pre-Raphaelites and numerous other 19th century artists two centuries later.

Our canvas is in a good state of preservation, although it does have some old retouches and minor pictorial faults, as can be seen from the published photographs, but these do not detract from its beauty. The work is completed by an attractive 19th century wooden frame.

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