



## Oil On Wooden Panel "flag Bearer Of The Flemish Civic Guard"



380 EUR

Signature : ERNEST MEISSONIER

Period : 19th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Oil painting on wood

### Description

PAINTING / OIL ON WOODEN PANEL  
"FLAG BEARER OF THE FLEMISH CIVIL  
GUARD" AFTER MEISSONIER 19th  
CENTURY Ernest Meissonier, born February 21,  
1815 in Lyon and died January 31, 1891 in Paris  
(17th arrondissement)<sup>1</sup>, is a French painter and  
sculptor, specialized in historical military  
painting and genre scenes. A painter very  
attentive to authentic detail, he is part of the  
academic movement, which predominates in the  
plastic arts under the Second Empire. Covered in  
honors, he sits on the Academy of Fine Arts and  
chairs many national and international juries.  
Even though Marcel Proust during his  
adolescence, Guy de Maupassant and Robert  
Louis Stevenson<sup>2</sup> considered him their favourite  
painter, and although he was greatly appreciated

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by Eugène Delacroix<sup>3</sup> and then admired by Vincent van Gogh<sup>4</sup>, some critics, mainly posthumous, judged his work to be devoid of spontaneity and life. The painter's reputation therefore went through a purgatory, and we often quote the fierce judgement of Édouard Manet about one of his battle paintings: "Everything is made of steel, except the breastplates", or the nickname "giant of dwarves" which Edgar Degas gave him<sup>5,6,7</sup>: by this he meant that Meissonier was the most notable of painters like Gervex, Carolus-Duran, Detaille...<sup>8</sup>, whom 20th century modernist critics would call "pompiers". dim: 34cm x 24.5cm for the whole 25.5cm x 16cm for the painting