



Portrait Of A Murattian Officer In Uniform. Naples, Circa 1810



3 700 EUR

Period : 19th century

Condition : Très bon état

Material : Oil painting

Length : 68 cm

Width : 56 cm

Description

Refined portrait of a gentleman, depicted in the uniform of an officer in the army of Gioachino Murat, King of Naples during the Napoleonic Empire. The work captures the elegance and dignity of the subject, dressed in the typical military uniform of the time, a symbol of power and modernization championed by the French sovereign. A small but fascinating detail is the earring worn by the soldier on his right ear, a sign of refinement and personal distinction, suggesting the noble and combative character of the subject. The military decoration pinned to the chest highlights his rank and honor, while the hairstyle, in line with the fashion of the time, is complemented by two large sideburns framing the face, adding a distinctive touch typical of the period. The artist, of great skill, captured not only

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the minute details of the clothing and ornaments but also the essence of the subject through his proud gaze and imperial bearing. The work is certainly attributed to a Neapolitan painter active in the first quarter of the 19th century, a period when French influence intertwined with the local artistic tradition, giving rise to a refined and solemn aesthetic. A portrait that not only documents a historical period but also captures the essence of a transitional moment, when the Kingdom of Naples was at the heart of European affairs.