

## Large Black Engraving From The 18th Century, Erigone, Mythological Scene By Massard, God



280 EUR

Period: 18th century Condition: Bon état Material: Paper

## Description

Antique mythological engraving depicting Erigone, a tragic heroine of Greek mythology, daughter of Icarius, and associated with the cult of Dionysus. This work is an engraving by Jean Massard, the famous engraver to the King, after a painting by Willem van Mieris. It illustrates an episode imbued with sensuality and symbolism, highly prized in the classical period. At the center of the scene, Erigone, draped in antique style, lifts a bunch of grapes--an offering to Bacchus--while a satyr pours wine. Two small putti drink from the nectar, reinforcing the idea of delight and intoxication. In the background, a Bacchic procession rushes through the forest. The bucolic setting and abundant details bear witness to the engraver's meticulous work. Under the main scene, a rich allegorical vignette framed by the

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