

Karl Girardet (1813-1871)



27 000 EUR

Signature : Karl Girardet

Period: 19th century Condition: Bon état Material: Oil painting

Length: 71

Width: 52

Description

View of the Gulf of Naples from Ischia with Travellers, 1842Oil on canvas, signed and dated lower rightOriginal carved and gilded wooden frameIn this evocative Romantic composition, Karl Girardet sets a genre scene against the majestic backdrop of the Gulf of Naples, as seen from the island of Ischia, with the smoking Vesuvius rising on the horizon. A group of travellers moves along a coastal path through Mediterranean vegetation, while on the left a rustic village is animated by women and children engaged in daily activity. The setting is depicted with topographical accuracy and luminous sensitivity. The artist harmoniously blends narrative, rural life, and landscape, offering an idealised and poetic vision of Southern Italy -- as seen through the eyes of the Grand Tour

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traveller.Painted during his Italian journey, this work is a fine example of Girardet's ability to merge detailed realism with Romantic sensibility. The golden light, lush foliage, and looming presence of Vesuvius lend the painting a powerful atmospheric charm.