

Henri Person (1876 - 1926) -- The Gulf Of Saint-tropez Under Stormy Skies



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Signature : Henri Person

Period: 20th century

Condition: Bon état

Material: Oil painting on wood

Description

The Gulf of Saint-Tropez under stormy skies Oil on panel, studio stamp lower right.16 x 24 cm History: Atelier Person, Person estate.Bibliography: Henri Person, Les couleurs du Midi, under the direction of Marie-Aude Bossard, reproduced under number 23 p.125.Certificate from Madame Marie-Aude Bossard, granddaughter of the artist. The sea as muse: Henri Person and the Mediterranean

Henri

Person was born into a middle-class family in Amiens in 1876. His first visits to the South of France date back to his childhood, when his parents owned a villa in Beaulieu-sur-Mer, where the family regularly vacationed.

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The young

man first studied at the Ecole des Beaux-Arts in

Paris, notably under Fernand

Cormon. His first submissions to the Paris Salons

date from 1903: to the

Artistes français until 1910, then to the

Indépendants from that date until the

end of his life.

In the

early 1900s, the young painter arrived in

Saint-Tropez, a small Mediterranean

port that would become a great success in the

years to come, but which was then

just a charming fishing hamlet. It was here that he

met up with Paul Signac,

who had settled there in part at the end of the

previous century. In addition

to their passion for painting, the two artists shared

a second passion for the

sea and sailing. Despite their age difference, the

two men formed an

unshakeable friendship, even co-owning a boat

named Le Sinbad. In 1907, they

travelled together to Constantinople, and the

young Person, advised by his

master, adopted the Divisionist technique for

good. He did, however, display a

more discreet, softer temperament, reflected in

the adaptation of his palette.

Throughout

his life, he would build his work around the

themes that were dear to him:

boats, the sea, the trees that line it and the small

villages of the

Mediterranean coast. Person seems to have

gradually distanced himself from

Divisionism, however, moving closer to the

group of young painters who

discovered Saint-Tropez in the early 1900s,

notably Henri Manguin, Albert

Marquet and Charles Camoin. Following in the

footsteps of Paul Signac, the

artist also produced subtle, poetic watercolors in

which the heart of the

Mediterranean, its spirit and its warmth, beat.

As a

Tropezian, the artist committed himself body and soul to the development of a project that demonstrated, if proof were needed, his deep attachment to his adopted port: the creation of the future Saint-Tropez Museum. He enlisted the help of artist friends such as Alphonse Stival,

Carlos Reymond and André Turin.

The project was presented to and unanimously approved by the town council on

September 4, 1921. The Museon Tropelen gradually came to life, and within five or six years, some thirty works had already been assembled thanks to the generosity of the artists who frequented the little port: Pierre Bonnard, Henri

Lebasque, Charles Camoin, Louis Valtat, Henri

Henri

Manguin...

Person passed away in 1926, temporarily halting the growth of the collection, but the torch was soon taken up by Georges Grammont, a patron of the arts who made this commitment his own. Taking up this original matrix, he enriched the selection of works and thus gave birth to the Musée de l'Annonciade, which today boasts one of the finest collections in its field. In October 2015, under the direction of the artist's granddaughter Marie-Aude Bossard and published by Editions Galerie Alexis Pentcheff, the first monograph devoted to Henri Person was published. On the occasion of the book's presentation at the Musée de l'Annonciade in December 2015, Marie-Aude Bossard presented the curator,

Jean-Paul Monery, with all the artist's archives

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