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Auguste Chabaud (1882 - 1955) -- Grandmother In Front Of The Fireplace, Circa 1925

6 000 EUR



Signature : Auguste Chabaud

Period : 20th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Oil painting

Description

Grandmother in front of the fireplace, circa 1925
Oil on canvas, signed lower left 75 x 105 cm
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Auguste Chabaud - Between earthy Provence and pictorial modernity
Born in Nîmes in 1882, Auguste Chabaud entered the École des Beaux-Arts in Avignon at just 15 years old, where he was trained by Pierre Grivolos, a renowned master who had already instructed René Seyssaud. At the dawn of the 20th century, he moved to Paris, but preferred the bustle of the cafés of the Latin Quarter to Cormon's academic lessons. It was in these living spaces that his eye sharpened, nourished by the daily spectacle, forging a personal, incisive and modern graphic style. The Parisian night fascinated Chabaud. The artificial lights of the city excited his palette: they

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brought out powerful tones and contrasts pushed to the extreme. But the native South, with its crushing sun, calls to him. Unlike other Provençal painters who exalt light, Chabaud perceives an absorbing light, which engulfs color more than it reveals it. He inherits a darker vision, in the tradition of Émile Loubon, Monticelli, or Prosper Grésy. Returning to the family farmhouse in Graveson, Chabaud leaves the cabarets and the brothel girls to observe rural life. He now paints peasants, herds, and farm work with the same intensity he previously accorded to urban life. The draft horse replaces the hackney carriage, sensuality becomes rusticity. This evolution also marks a change of perspective: a disconnected and cynical world fades in favor of an ancestral rural order, linked to the seasons, the nourishing earth, and the rhythm of life. This strict framework becomes the foundation of his art, both a straitjacket and a source of inspiration. In Chabaud's painting, the restricted palette concentrates the tension: a deep blue, sharp blacks, grayish whites, carrying raw emotion. Far from Provençal folklore, his work imposes itself through a rough modernity, an instinctive truth. Chabaud does not paint to seduce: he paints life, in its harshness, its beauty, its organic mystery. His work, humble in appearance, expresses a profound ambition: to probe primary impulses, to evoke sexuality as a vital engine, death as an inescapable horizon. In January 2014, the Alexis Pentcheff Gallery dedicated a major retrospective exhibition to him: Auguste Chabaud, the instinct of life, paying homage to a singular artist, independent of fashions, and whose painting continues to resonate with a rare force. Discover more of this artist's works on the gallery's website:
<https://www.galeriepentcheff.fr/fr/peintre-auguste-chabaud>