



## Léon Bonnat (1833-1922) - The Pensive Little Girl



4 300 EUR

Signature : Léon Bonnat

Period : 19th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Oil painting

Width : 27

Height : 35

### Description

Master of 19th century French portraiture Léon Bonnat is one of the representatives of French academic realism. He is influenced by the many trips he made to Spain and Italy. Professor at the École des Beaux-Arts, he trained several generations of painters such as: Henri de Toulouse-Lautrec, Gustave Caillebotte, Raoul Dufy, Emile Othon Friesz and many others. Between 1900 and 1922 Léon Bonnat directed the National Museums and bequeathed a large part of his collection of paintings, drawings and sculptures to the Bonnat-Helleu Museum in Bayonne upon his death. Léon Bonnat's paintings are exhibited in major museums such as the Louvre, the Metropolitan Museum, the Musée d'Orsay and the Château de Versailles. This work represents a young Italian girl with a melancholic

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look, dressed in a black and red bodice over a white shirt. The sober composition, the neutral background and the diffused light convey all the finesse of Bonnat's style, mixing realism and contained emotion. The rendering of the face and the fabrics testifies to a great technical mastery, a sense of detail and a quest for humanity in the portraits he paints. The artwork is signed and dated in the upper right corner.