



Portrait Of A Gentleman - High Quality Oil Sketch On Canvas



800 EUR

Period : 19th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Oil painting

Length : 45

Width : 32.5

Description

Description This finely executed oil on canvas, dating from approximately 1880-1920, portrays a distinguished gentleman with remarkable psychological depth and compositional restraint. The artist, though presently unknown, demonstrates solid academic training and mastery of the realist portrait tradition. The sitter is shown bust-length, gazing outward with a contemplative expression, his grey hair and neatly groomed moustache illuminated by a controlled, single light source. The background is rendered in a dark, nearly black tone, enhancing the facial modeling through soft chiaroscuro. The painter's technique blends disciplined precision with expressive brushwork, particularly in the nuanced handling of skin tones and subtle play of light across the forehead and cheek. His attire--a

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formal dark jacket, crisp white collar, and silk tie--reflects the elegance of the late Victorian or Edwardian era. The reverse of the canvas shows age-consistent patina and no visible inscription, suggesting an original period mounting. This portrait conveys dignity and reserve, a fine example of late 19th-century Academic realism with timeless appeal.

Artist Undiscovered artist, active circa late 19th to early 20th century.

Details Although the artist remains unidentified, the disciplined execution and compositional restraint indicate a painter trained within an academic or realist school. The work aligns with European portrait traditions of the period, characterized by technical precision, subdued palette, and psychological depth.

Movements Late Realism / Academicism

Artist Influenced by Influenced by Léon Bonnat, John Singer Sargent, and Joaquín Sorolla.

Frame Condition Currently unframed; canvas and stretcher show signs of age but remain structurally sound.

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