



Jean-baptiste Poncet (1827-1901) Lyon Vienne Flandrin The Actor Jean Sully-mounet



850 EUR

Signature : Jean-Baptiste Poncet

Period : 19th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Oil painting

Length : 35

Width : 27

Description

Jean-Baptiste PONCET (Saint-Laurent-de-Mure, 1827-Lyon, 1901) Portrait of the actor Jean Sully-Mounet, known as Mounet-Sully, in the role of Orestes. Oil on canvas, bearing the studio stamp in the lower right corner. Annotated 'Mounet-Sully, Dramatist / H. Flandrin' in ink on the reverse. Dimensions of the work: 35 cm x 27 cm. Provenance: Posthumous sale of the artist's work, Lyon, March 25-April 2, 1901, his stamp (L.3393) in the lower right corner. This painting represents an early version of the Portrait of Mounet-Sully by Jean-Baptiste Poncet, now in the Musée des Beaux-Arts in Vienne (Isère). The authorship of this work is further attested by a preparatory drawing of comparable dimensions, held in a private collection. A passionate theatergoer, Jean-Baptiste Poncet was a regular at

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the Odéon between 1868 and 1872 and must have met Mounet-Sully during this period. The latter played the role of Orestes in Racine's *Andromaque* starting in July 1872. Numerous performances by the actor, who enjoyed considerable success at the time, are known to us. The painting of Jean-Baptiste Poncet is one of the earliest portraits of the actor.