Oil On Canvas: The Dream After Edouard Detaille



2 800 EUR

Period : 19th century

Condition : Quelques manques

Description

"The Dream" (1888) is one of the most famous paintings by the French academic painter Édouard Detaille (1848-1912), renowned for his extremely detailed military scenes. The painting depicts French soldiers asleep during maneuvers. Above them, in the sky, unfolds a dreamlike vision: a glorious army of infantry, cavalry, and flags, evoking France's past military grandeur. The contrast between reality--exhausted soldiers--and the heroic dream symbolizes the nostalgia for a victorious France, still marked by the defeat of 1870. This unsigned work is a high-quality Ancenis copy. Dimensions: 97.5 cm x 74 cm; the original measured 4 meters by 3 meters. Some losses are visible in the photos. Framed in a floater frame. Further photos or information available upon request. The original

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was exhibited at the Salon of 1888, where it met with immense success. Interpreted as a call to patriotism and revenge after the Franco-Prussian War, the work strongly influenced the republican imagination of the late 19th century. It is held at the Musée d'Orsay.