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Sketch "the Four Seasons", Oil On Canvas. 18th Century.



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Period : 18th century

Condition : Très bon état

Material : Oil painting

Width : 75 cm

Height : 62 cm

Description

The Four Seasons - Oil sketch on canvas. Italy, second half of the 18th century. Rare and captivating preparatory or decorative sketch, painted on canvas and depicting the allegories of the Four Seasons, arranged in four shaped reserves on an olive-green background, in the Rococo style typical of 18th-century ceiling or overdoor decorations. Each scene is rendered with lively compositional freshness and luminous colours: Spring is portrayed as a female figure with a crown of flowers and a putto holding a dove, symbol of rebirth; Summer as a young woman reclining among sheaves and ripe fruit; Autumn as a bearded old man with the grape harvest; Winter as a male figure near a fire, wrapped in a cloak, accompanied by an eagle and a child. The swift, soft brushwork, pastel tones,

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and narrative balance suggest the hand of an artist active in 18th-century Italian decorative painting, likely conceived as part of a larger cycle for a noble residence. A work of study and decorative invention, with strong documentary and collectible value. Presented in an antique gilt frame with beaded edge. Very good condition, with widespread craquelure and small touch-ups consistent with the age. Ideal for collections of period sketches or classically inspired interiors.