Jean-claude Boyer - The Gallant Shower - Oil On Canvas - Signed



450 EUR

Signature : BOYER Jean-Claude (XIXe - XXe, France)

Period : 19th century

Condition : Très bon état

Material : Oil painting

Width : 46 cm / 62 cm encadré

Height : 55 cm / 71 cm encadré

Description

This oil on canvas, signed by Jean-Claude Boyer, a Dijon artist active between the 19th and 20th centuries, depicts a romantic and atmospheric scene imbued with romanticism. The work portrays two elegantly dressed figures, caught in a downpour and taking refuge under a porch. In the foreground, a man in formal attire, wearing a bicorn hat and a lace tie, adopts a protective and confident posture, his left hand behind his back. Beside him, a young woman in a white empire-waist dress, accentuated by a blue sash, stands in a more vulnerable pose, leaning slightly towards her companion. The figures' gestures and their proximity suggest a scene of seduction or amorous intimacy, reinforced by the shared shelter. The remarkable element of this composition lies in the treatment of the

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downpour: on the ground, the reflections of the two figures are mirrored in the accumulated water, creating a poetic doubling effect that amplifies the romantic dimension of the scene. This attention to atmospheric and luminous effects testifies to the painter's sensitivity to the subtleties of light and water. The composition is in the tradition of academic painting, with a palette dominated by browns, ochres, and grays, enhanced by the luminosity of the light-colored clothing and the aquatic reflections. The architectural background, rendered in dark and hazy hues, creates a theatrical depth that highlights the main figures while suggesting the driving rain. The execution reveals a mastery of the representation of fabrics, volumes, and atmospheric effects. The work belongs to the tradition of historicizing genre painting, popular in the 19th century. The work is signed in the lower left corner. It is in very good condition. It is offered in a late 19th/early 20th-century stuccoed gilt frame, also in very good condition. The work can be viewed at the gallery (07240). Shipping: please contact us for shipping costs within France and internationally.