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Hercules, Achilles And Ulysses

400 EUR



Period : 19th century

Condition : Très bon état

Material : Paper

Width : 38

Height : 26

Description

French School, 19th Century

Hercules, Achilles and Ulysses

This refined ink drawing, executed between circa 1800 and 1850, brings together three major heroes of Greek mythology: Hercules, Achilles and Ulysses. Rooted in the academic tradition of the 19th century, the composition exemplifies the classical ideal, where clarity of line and mastery of form serve both narrative and expression. Hercules, identifiable by his club and imposing drapery, dominates the scene with a powerful and monumental presence. Beside him, Achilles stands in a resolutely martial attitude, embodying courage and heroic strength. Ulysses, more introspective, introduces a contrasting register, symbolising intelligence, strategy and the triumph of wit over brute force. The interplay of glances

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and postures creates a subtle dramatic tension, evoking a silent dialogue between strength, bravery and cunning.

The precision of the drawing and the careful balance of the composition suggest that this work may have served as a preparatory study for a fresco or a large-format painting. Nevertheless, the confidence of the line and the expressive power of the scene give it a complete and autonomous quality, making it a compelling work in its own right.

Details

School: French

Period: Circa 1800-1850

Technique: India ink on paper

Dimensions: 26 × 38 cm

Framing: Simple wooden frame with white mat

Condition: Good overall condition

Display suggestion

This drawing will integrate naturally into a classical interior, a study or a library inspired by academic art. Its strong black-and-white contrast will stand out particularly well against deep-toned walls such as midnight blue, charcoal grey or burgundy. Combined with antique sculptures or art history books, it will reinforce a scholarly and elegant atmosphere.

Why choose this work?

A refined mythological composition
representative of 19th-century academic drawing

Remarkable technical mastery, with a subtle
interplay of shadows and volumes

A timeless work, ideal for enriching an art
collection or a cabinet of curiosities

A testament to French classicism, poised between
academic tradition and a fascination with

Antiquity