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## The Young Brush Washer (richet 1861)

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Signature : Richet XIXe Siècle 1861

Period : 19th century

Condition : Parfait état

Material : Oil painting on wood

Length : 27

Width : 21,5

### Description

The Young Brush Washer, French School, 19th Century, Signed RICHET and dated 61 for 1861 lower left, Oil on mahogany panel, 27 x 21.5 cm, Excellent condition Sold framed, 1100 Euros

The work is signed RICHET and dated 61 for 1861 lower left. This delicate composition depicts a young boy seated on a wooden stool in a rustic interior. Wearing a wide straw hat, the child is absorbed in a meticulous manual task. He wears traditional clothing consisting of a white shirt with puffed sleeves, a brick-red vest, and dark trousers, offering a warm color contrast against an earthy background. The work exudes an impression of calm and concentration. It captures a suspended moment, characteristic of the era's sensitivity to scenes of simple 19th-century life. The setting is composed with restraint: a large

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terracotta jar in the foreground, a shelf laden with pottery in the background, and a painter's palette hanging on the wall, perhaps suggesting an artist's studio or a craftsman's home. Richet uses soft side lighting that falls on the child's profile and the white of his sleeve, creating a chiaroscuro effect that adds depth to the scene. The brushwork is vibrant and textured. The background is treated with an almost Impressionistic freedom, while the boy's face and hands are rendered with more academic precision.