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Pieter Van Laer, Known As "the Bamboccio" (1599-1642), Entourage Of - Argos And Io

2 700 EUR

Period : 17th century

Condition : Très bon état

Material : Oil painting on wood



Description

Oil on oak panel. This exquisite panel, from the circle of Pieter van Laer, transports us to a Roman countryside transformed into a stage for a subtle mythological metamorphosis. Under the golden and captivating light of twilight, the myth of Io and Argos sheds its narrative emphasis to become a scene of exquisite bucolic beauty: a majestic heifer, with an almost monumental presence, and a flautist whose stillness seems dictated by the very melody he plays. In this work, the spirit of the Bamboccianti--the colony of Dutch painters established in the Eternal City--manifests itself in its purest form. The piece testifies to the profound influence exerted by Latin landscapes on Nordic sensibility, fusing the stark realism characteristic of the Netherlands with the sublime atmosphere of classical Italy.

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Here, we perceive a silent dialogue with the lyricism of Claude Gellée (Lorrain), particularly in his ability to capture the very air and the luminous vibration that envelops the vegetation and the horizon, transforming the natural space into an emotional protagonist. We find ourselves before one of those proto-landscapes where mythology does not impose itself on the viewer, but rather blends into the daily lives of the shepherds and their animals. The figure of the calf, sculpted with a nobility that transcends its animal nature, seems to guard the secret of its divine origin under the watchful gaze of an Argos who has traded his protection for music. Everything in this panel, from the twisted trunk of the tree that serves as the axis of the composition to the sky exhaling the last sighs of the day, pays homage to the most exquisite and sublime place in the world: this Rome which was, for these painters, the source of all light and all beauty.-
Dimensions of the image without frame: 34 x 26.5 cm / 47 x 40 cm with exclusive custom frame.