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Carlo Naya, Grand Canal, Venice, Italy C. 1880 Vintage Albumen Print Photograph

500 EUR



Signature : Carlo NAYA (1816-1882)

Period : 19th century

Condition : Très bon état

Material : Paper

Description

Vintage albumen print of gondoliers on the Grand Canal in Venice, Italy. Palazzi Rezzonico, Giustiniani, Foscari, and Balbi are visible. At the end of the 19th century, gondolas were still the most common means of transport in Venice, as the canals were the main thoroughfare. Since the 17th century, a decree mandated that gondolas be painted black to discourage excessive luxury and rivalries between noble families. However, gondolas were often richly decorated inside, with upholstered seats, gilding, and carved motifs. The famous "ferro" (metal piece at the front) was already present. It symbolized the six sestieri (districts) of Venice and the shape of the lagoon. Carlo Naya (1816-1882) was one of the pioneers of photography in Italy. After studying law in Pisa, he settled in Venice in St. Mark's Square,

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where he opened one of the largest photography establishments of his time. Format 26 x 35.5 cm.

Mat 40 x 50 cm. Link to the website:

<https://www.lavalisearlesienne.com/product-page/carlo-naya-grand-canal-venise-italie-c-1880-1>