



Roger Chapelet (1903-1995) - Mers El-kébir And Santa Cruz, Oran - Historical Gouache

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Signature : Roger Chapelet

Period : 20th century

Condition : Très bon état

Material : Cardboard

Length : 43 cm

Width : 25 cm

Description

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Description of the work: We present here a rare and well-documented work by Roger Chapelet, Official Painter of the Navy, depicting an iconic view of the Algerian coast: Mers el-Kébir and the Santa Cruz fort in Oran. This gouache on cardboard testifies to the artist's absolute mastery of Mediterranean light. In the foreground, fishermen are busy around their boat, while the background is dominated by the majestic silhouette of the Aïdour massif. The composition plays on striking contrasts between the warmth of the land and the serenity of the bay, all rendered with a modern and vigorous touch. Why is this work exceptional? Historical Context: The back of the work bears the handwritten inscription:

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"Rose-Ville and Santa-Cruz, Mers el-Kébir, Oran (Algeria)." This geographical detail anchors the work in the maritime history of the region. Rare Subject: While Chapelet is famous for his portraits of ships, his Algerian landscapes, rendered with such human sensitivity (fishing scene), are much more sought after for their narrative aspect and atmosphere. Museum Quality: Roger Chapelet is a key figure in 20th-century maritime art. His works are held in major institutions, including the Musée National de la Marine in Paris. Technical Specifications: Artist: Roger Chapelet (1903-1995), signed lower right. Title: Mers el-Kébir and Santa-Cruz, Oran. Technique: Gouache on cardboard. Image dimensions: 25 x 43 cm. Framed dimensions: 37.5 x 55 cm. Condition: Excellent condition, colors remain very fresh. Framing: Off-white frame with wide moldings, perfectly highlighting the contrasts of the work. Expert's note: "This gouache is not just a seascape; it is a topographical and artistic testament of great finesse. The inscription on the back confirms the importance of the place for the artist. It is a choice piece for a collector of Orientalist art or marine paintings, with a clear provenance and identification." Shipping: Secure shipping within France and internationally with insurance. Reinforced professional packaging. Price: EUR1750