



Flemish Or French School Of The 18th Century,



400 EUR

Period : 18th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Oil painting

Description

In the foreground, an itinerant merchant, treated almost cartoonishly and dressed in popular costume, stops at the door of a house to present his wares to an old man. Beside him, a child carries a crate and observes the scene with curiosity, reinforcing the composition's lively narrative character. A small dog accompanies the peddler. An amusing detail, the peddler holds a pole topped by a cage (trap?) a white rat sits on its roof, a black rat hangs below. In the background, rustic architecture and a wooded landscape set the scene in a peaceful rural setting, gently treated in a palette of brown and greenish tones. The ensemble is distinguished by the quality of the observation of attitudes, the care given to expressions and a warm atmosphere, imbued with simplicity and realism. This work

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belongs to the 18th-century school, in the tradition of Nordic or French genre scenes, evoking daily life and popular trades. Painting foxed. Ancient restorations. Good overall condition, in keeping with the age of the work. Scenes of peddlers and itinerant merchants were a popular subject in the 18th century, illustrating rural life and everyday exchanges with humanity and realism. This type of composition appeals today for its decorative character and ethnographic interest.