



**Dutch Ships (33.3 X 42.5 Cm) Oil On Panel By Willem Van Diest (1600-1678)**



8 000 EUR

Signature : Willem van Diest

Period : 17th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Oil painting on wood

**Description**

Oil on oak panel  
Attributed to Willem van Diest  
by the Turquin appraisal firm  
Elegant  
17th-century Dutch marine depicting several vessels sailing under the flag of the United Provinces in a peaceful sea. In the foreground, an imposing vessel seen from the stern displays all the painter's virtuosity in rendering rigging, sails and naval framework details. In the background, other ships animate the horizon in a subtle atmospheric perspective. The work is attributed to Willem van Diest, a specialist in night seascapes and harbor scenes, active in The Hague in the mid-17th century. Heir to the tradition of Jan Porcellis and the first great Dutch marine painters, Van Diest developed a refined style of painting, particularly appreciated for the precision of his ships and the luminous quality of his

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skies. This composition is particularly captivating for its remarkable technical mastery: - exceptional finesse in the drawing of masts and ropes, - meticulous rendering of the floating flags, - subtle atmospheric treatment of marine light, - delicate tonal variations in water reflections, - depth achieved through skilful construction of successive shots. The oak panel, made up of two old boards, features old preparation and inscriptions on the reverse. The quality of the support and the precision of execution testify to particularly meticulous workshop work. A very fine cabinet work, typical of Dutch Golden Age painting, combining decorative quality and historical interest in 17th-century maritime art. Comparable at public auction: Attributed to Willem Hermansz. VAN DIEST (1590/1610-1668/72) The Royal Charles, captured by Admiral de Ruyter from the River Medway Lot N° 41 Painting Oil/canvas 60.5 x 80.5 cm Hammer price: 11 706 EUR (8 800 £) Price with costs: 13 462 EUR (10 120 £) Estimate: EUR 7,981 - EUR 10,642 (£ 6,000 - £ 8,000) EARLY BRITISH AND VICTORIAN PAINTINGS 17/12/1996 Phillips London, United Kingdom Reproduced on page 34 of catalogue Attributed to Willem Hermansz. VAN DIEST (1590/1610-1668/72) Ships on a stormy sea with a view of Dordrecht(?) in the distance Lot N° 98 Painting Oil/panel 49.7 x 68.2 cm Hammer price: 6 146 EUR (6 000 \$) Price with costs: 7 744 EUR (7 560 \$) Estimate: EUR 8,195 - EUR 12,292 (\$8,000 - \$12,000) Old Master Paintings and Sculpture Online From 23/09/2022 to 07/10/2022 Online only Christie's United States