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Young Rogue With A Scroll Reading "what A Laugh, Gentlemen," Oil On Canvas, 18th Century



2 800 EUR

Signature : Seguace di Alessandro Magnasco detto il Lissandrino (Savona 1654 - Torino 1709)

Period : 18th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Oil painting

Width : 80

Height : 96

Description

A curious and lively genre scene depicting a young man dressed as a picaro, with an ironic smile and a deliberately mocking expression, captured as he shows the viewer an object of suggestive nature, resting on a scroll bearing the inscription "CHE RIDERE SIGNORI" (How funny, gentlemen). His attire, worn with ostentatious swagger and embellished with precious and theatrical elements, such as the feather on his hat and the golden chain, transforms the protagonist into a figure suspended between popular reality and the mask of the Commedia dell'arte, evoking that taste for theater, double entendres, and caricature that characterized figurative culture between the 17th and 18th centuries. The work fits into the tradition of burlesque and allusive scenes that developed

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within Lombard painting, continuing the legacy of Vincenzo Campi, Bartolomeo Passerotti, and Annibale Carracci, artists who introduced a popular narrative dimension into Italian painting, often playing on double meanings and social satire. Particularly evident is the iconographic relationship with the famous *Che ridete son'agli* by Alessandro Magnasco, whose general composition this work echoes, reinterpreting it with more explicit and provocative variation. In this type of painting, the smile, the gesture, and the object displayed become tools of a subtle symbolic construction, intended not for the general public but for a cultured circle of connoisseurs capable of grasping its erudite and theatrical references. The pictorial quality, the expressive power of the face, and the taste for elegant caricature allow the painting to be placed within the circle of Alessandro Magnasco. Dimensions: 96 x 80 cm (with frame) 71 x 55.5 cm (without frame) ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: The work is sold accompanied by a certificate of authenticity and warranty. We handle and arrange shipping of purchased works, both within Italy and abroad, via professional and insured couriers. No additional costs apply if the work is picked up directly by the buyer at the gallery. For shipments outside Italy, estimated delivery times are a minimum of 15 days, which may vary depending on the export permit. You may view the artwork at our gallery in Orzinuovi (BS), where we will be delighted to welcome you and show you our collections. We are at your complete disposal, including by phone, at the following numbers: +39 340 217 2217 +39 340 241 7919 FOLLOW US ON INSTAGRAM: <https://www.instagram.com/barbierifineart/>