



The Hôtel De Ville Crowd - Félix Faure's State Funeral, February 23, 1899

2 700 EUR



Signature : Henri Ferdinand BELLAN

Period : 19th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Oil painting

Width : 81

Height : 65

Description

Henri Ferdinand BELLAN (1870-1922)
"Funérailles de Félix Faure 23-II-1899 - Paris - Hôtel de Ville et Notre-Dame. 1899" HST, SBD.
65 x 81 cm. Oil on canvas, signed lower right and dated Paris, 23-II-1899, this work by French painter Henri Ferdinand Bellan (1870-1922) bears witness to one of the most significant events of the Third Republic. On February 16, 1899, French President Félix Faure died suddenly at the Élysée Palace, leaving France in a state of national stupor. His death occurred in a particularly tense political context: the Dreyfus Affair had deeply divided French society, and Faure, a conservative authority figure and staunchly anti-Dreyfus, was seen by many as a bulwark against a review of the trial. On February 23, 1899, Paris came to a standstill. Hundreds of thousands of Parisians

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lined the route of the official funeral procession,
which crossed the capital from the Élysée Palace
to Versailles. The Hôtel de Ville esplanade
became one of the focal points of this
unprecedented popular and military
gathering. Dimensions H.65 × W.81 cm