Biedermeier Scene With A Young Boy Drawing, Mid-19th Century



130 EUR

Signature : ÉCOLE ALLEMANDE OU AUTRICHIENNE, MILIEU DU XIXe SIÈCLE

Period : 19th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Paper

Length : 17 cm

Height : 21 cm

Description

GERMAN OR AUSTRIAN SCHOOL, MID-19th CENTURYa young boy drawing at a tableGERMAN OR AUTRICHIAN SCHOOLMid-19th centuryPencil and colored chalk highlights on paper21 × 17 cm / 8.3 × 6.7 incheswith frame: 27.5 × 23.5 cm / 10.8 × 9.3 inchesWhat defines the quiet poetry of Biedermeier art? It is perhaps this ability to transform the most ordinary moment into a scene of genuine intimacy. This delicate drawing, executed in pencil and softly heightened with coloured chalks, depicts a young boy absorbed in the act of drawing. Seen in profile, seated at a simple wooden table, the child is entirely focused on his task, his posture slightly leaning forward, suggesting both concentration and innocence. Such subjects became particularly popular in the

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German-speaking world during the first half of the 19th century, when artists turned away from grand historical narratives towards scenes of domestic life. The emphasis shifted to sincerity, observation, and emotional immediacy. Though modest in scale, the drawing conveys a remarkable sense of presence -- a fleeting moment of childhood, observed with tenderness and without affectation.