



Early 19th Century French School, The Death Of Phocion, Prix De Rome 1804.

8 500 EUR



Period : 19th century

Condition : Réentoilé

Material : Oil painting

Width : 46

Height : 30,5

Description

Early 19th century French school, The Death of Phocion, Prix de Rome 1804, oil on canvas, framed in gilded wood, dim: 42.5x58cm Phocion, an Athenian general and statesman, was sentenced to death for treason by the Athenian people. He drank the hemlock in his prison and had to pay for the necessary dose of poison himself. This death, which was colored heroic by Plutarch, has been compared to that of Socrates, another ancient figure who fell victim to the incomprehension of the ignorant crowd. Phocion, then in his eighties, accepted all the conditions imposed by the victor, including the exclusion from full citizenship of more than half the Athenians and the installation of a Macedonian garrison in the fortress of Mounychia.

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