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## Léonard Bordes (1898-1969) - The Ruins Of The Ancient Theatre Of Arles



590 EUR

Period : 20th century

Condition : Très bon état

Material : Oil painting

### Description

Oil on canvas. Original canvas. Hand-signed. To contemplate the ruins of the Théâtre Antique d'Arles is to be gripped by a poignant nostalgia. We remember the immaculate marble and the echo of tragedies that once sustained the order of the world. Yet, within this time-worn skeleton of stone, a captivating new promise vibrates. The decline of civilization here is not an end, but an aesthetic liberation where the broken column and lichen-covered block of stone propose a more authentic beauty, stripped of the arrogance of empire. In this shipwreck architecture, nature and ruin unite to create a setting of infinite possibilities, suggesting that, on the rubble of our past glory, a twilight glow is germinating - a glow that is, in reality, the dawn of a deeper sensibility, where imperfection is the only language capable

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of shaping a future that no longer needs temples,  
but fragments of truth. Léonard Bordes  
(1898-1969) was a prolific French painter and  
lithographer, a central figure of the Rouen  
School. His work is distinguished by an  
exclusively plein-air technique, rejecting studio  
work. Born into a musical family and trained at  
the École des Beaux-Arts in Rouen, he initially  
combined his artistic talent with a career as an  
orchestral musician, before devoting himself fully  
to art after the First World War. His social  
commitment came to the fore during the Second  
World War, when he was deeply affected by the  
devastation of the bombing raids and captured the  
misery and violence of Rouen's poorest districts.  
Influenced by Impressionism and masters such as  
Albert Lebourg, Bordes left a considerable body  
of work - estimated at over 10,000 pieces - in  
which his snowy landscapes and urban scenes are  
distinguished by an exceptional mastery of color  
and a deep empathy for degraded environments  
and everyday life.- Image size unframed: 58 x 50  
cm / 72 x 64 cm with exclusive custom frame.