



French School, Circa 1850 - Young Roman Woman At The Entrance To A Church



2 400 EUR

Signature : Ecole française vers 1850

Period : 19th century

Condition : Très bon état

Material : Oil painting

Length : 60 cm hors cadre

Width : 48 cm hors cadre

Description

French school circa 1850
Young Roman woman at the entrance to a church
Oil on canvas
H. 60 cm; W. 48 cm
Although this work from the heart of the 19th century remains anonymous today, it is nonetheless comparable to the works of French artists who spent extended periods in Italy, such as Dominique Papety, Achille Bénouville, Jules Etna Michallon, etc.
More accustomed to these portraits presented as simple sketches or set in a sunny landscape, this composition initially unsettles us with the dark tones of the background. This painting is no longer really a portrait but a scene, showing us a young Roman woman entering a church, dipping her fingertips in the holy water font before making the sign of the cross. The light streaming in from the left of the composition and the woman's movement

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straddling the two levels of steps give the work a sense of rhythm.