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Claude Auguste Gastine - Mary Magdalene In Penance Original Drawing - Memento Mori



350 EUR

Period : 19th century

Condition : Très bon état

Description

A beautiful original drawing depicting Mary Magdalene in penance, signed by Claude Auguste Gastine, a 19th-century French draftsman and engraver. Support: 50.5 x 35 cm Work: 29.5 x 24 cm The saint is shown kneeling in prayer, her face raised to heaven in an attitude of mystical ecstasy. She is surrounded by a luminous halo and is depicted within a grotto setting, an allusion to the grotto of Sainte-Baume. Traditional iconographic attributes are present: a skull (memento mori), an unrolled scroll, and a cross. The drawing is executed with meticulous care in graphite pencil and white chalk on gray-tinted paper, characteristic of 19th-century academic drawing. The subtle interplay between the pencil shadows and the chalk highlights lends the composition a beautiful, luminous depth. This work, both

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religious and romantic in nature, is in keeping
with the great devotional subjects of the period.