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17th-century Italian School - Allegorical Scene, Probably An Allegory Of Song And



6 500 EUR

Period : 17th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Oil painting

Length : 1,12 m / 1,23 m

Height : 86 cm / 101 cm

Description

17th-century Italian School - Allegory of Music -

Important oil on canvasA major oil on canvas depicting two young women gathered around a scroll bearing a musical score, in a composition of great elegance, likely an allegory of Music or Song.The main figure, her gaze turned toward the sky and her index finger delicately raised, seems to draw inspiration from celestial harmony, while her companion unrolls and presents the musical score. This silent dialogue between the two figures lends the scene a profound poetic and spiritual intensity, characteristic of Baroque painting.The quality of the drawing, the delicacy of the skin tones, the modeling of the faces, the finesse of the hands, and the richness of the drapery all attest to a high level of craftsmanship. The subtle color palette, the enveloping light, and

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the balance of the composition evoke the great works of the 17th-century Italian school, particularly in the Bolognese tradition. The speech bubble, on which musical notes are clearly visible, is an essential iconographic element and reinforces the interpretation of this work as a celebration of the arts, and more specifically of music and song. The canvas displays a network of old craquelure perfectly consistent with its age and retains a beautiful painterly texture as well as a pleasing patina. It is set in a large antique carved and gilded wooden frame, in harmony with the work. An old, barely legible signature is visible in the lower part of the composition and will be the subject of further research. The work as a whole merits in-depth study to clarify its attribution. With its elegance, high-quality execution, and refined iconography, this painting is of great interest to connoisseurs of Old Masters and Baroque painting.