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Louis Nattero (1870-1915) A Fisherman Mending His Nets On His Boat, Which Has Been Pulled Ash

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Signature : Louis Nattero (1870-1915)

Period : 19th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Oil painting on wood

Length : 45 cm

Height : 31,5 cm

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There is something melancholic and timeless about this work by the painter Louis Nattéro. The choice of colors, the use of a thicker thick in certain areas, and the simplicity of the drawing and composition--as if the artist identified with this fisherman in his solitude as he faces the elements and sought to convey a solemn message, already fore shadowing the violent end that would be his own. Painted in oil on a wooden panel, the work is presented in a modern, natural oak shadow box frame that measures 37 cm by 50.5 cm, with the painting itself measuring 31.5 cm by 45 cm. It depicts a solitary fisherman in his flat-bottomed "bette marseillaise"-style boat, pulled ashore in front of the house. In good condition, it is signed in the lower left corner. Louis Alexandre Marie Nattero was born

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on October 16, 1870 in Marseille, 1 rue du Pharo, from the second marriage of Dominique Nattero to Jeanne Joussaume. His parents quickly separated in 1872 and, in 1880, Louis was placed in an orphanage. Passionate about drawing, he created his first works around the age of 11: portraits that he managed to sell in order to survive. After an unhappy childhood, he turned to painting. In 1891, in Toulon, he married Lucie Durbec with whom he had nine children. His son, Joseph Nattero, born in Marseille in 1904, followed in his father's footsteps and painted throughout his life. At the age of 26, from October 1896 to April 1897, thanks to a scholarship from the city of Toulon, he attended the École nationale supérieure des beaux-arts in Paris for a few months, where he was a student of Léon Bonnat. However, he suffered from lead poisoning and had to, with regret, stop his studies in Paris. He then returned to Toulon, then settled permanently in Marseille, his hometown, in 1904. He also stayed in Aix-en-Provence. His talent was quickly recognized and his paintings were very successful from 1905. He participated in most of the salons in the Marseille and Toulon region and worked tirelessly to feed his large family. In Toulon, he exhibited, among others, at the framer Lacqua (31 rue d'Alger) and at the Albano gallery (rue des Trois Dauphins). In 1902, he was present at the Friends of the Arts exhibition in Toulon and won several prizes. In Marseille, his workshop is located on Boulevard de la Corderie and his works regularly appear at the Vallet gallery, rue Paradis. He exhibited at the Student Association show and at the Grand Cercle Républicain in 1905. In 1914, war broke out and three of his sons left for the front. His painting no longer sells. A deep despair overcomes him. On November 10, 1915, at his home, 42 bd Joachim in Marseille, he ended his life by shooting himself in front of his son Joseph. After a ceremony at the Bonneveine church, he was buried in the common grave at the Mazargues cemetery. The day after his death, the Petit Marseillais launched a collection to help his

widow and children. In the Pointe Rouge district, the Marseille town hall gives its name to a roundabout. In 2004, the Musée du Vieux Toulon organized an exhibition: "Louis Nattero (1870-1915) - Victor Senchet (1879-1973), painters". The sea fishing boats Louis Nattero is above all a painter of the Mediterranean. It is for him the true subject of expression when he paints the poetry of twilight, the sleeping waves of the coves, the fishermen hauling in their nets in an almost hushed calm. He is not the painter of tumult. In his work, the characters are rare, often distant: a sailor drinking from the feast, a boat on the horizon, fishermen mending their nets, walkers on a quay. Like a photographer, he captures his subjects in everyday life and interprets them freely. Largely influenced by the Impressionists, Nattero makes light the essential element of his painting. "The vibrant note is in fact the goal that Nattero wants to achieve: for this, he is not afraid to sacrifice the precise line. It admirably gives the impression of a teeming crowd on our sunny quays, in our picturesque old streets by skillfully applied impasto." --Marseille Student, May 1905 He knows perfectly the secret of pure colors and it is with precision that he places a touch of red on the cap of a fisherman or a touch of white on the rebound of a wave. His palette evolves in shades of blue, mauve, pink, pearly nuances, warm ochre at dusk; the crashing waves changing from metallic emerald to the lightest, milkiest green ash. He forgets the black. Works La Patache in the port of Toulon, oil on canvas, 46 × 61 cm, 1902-1905, Toulon Art Museum.