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Travelling Toy Seller By Tomás García Sampedro (1860-1937) - Oil On Panel, 1899



6 500 EUR

Signature : Tomás García Sampedro

Period : 19th century

Condition : Très bon état

Material : Oil painting

Width : 58.25

Height : 49.5

Description

A finely executed late nineteenth-century oil on panel by Spanish painter Tomás García Sampedro (1860-1937), signed and dated 1899. The painting depicts a warmly observed domestic interior where a travelling toy seller displays his wares to a family gathered around a rustic table. Richly dressed in traditional Spanish costume, the merchant presents a delicate floral ornament while children admire a doll and a wooden rocking horse, creating a charming narrative filled with everyday life and regional character. Executed with exceptional academic precision, the composition demonstrates Sampedro's mastery of light, texture, and expression. The interior is enlivened by authentic architectural details, blue-and-white ceramic tiles, rustic furnishings, and carefully

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rendered traditional costume, all contributing to a vivid portrayal of Spanish domestic life at the end of the nineteenth century. The restrained palette and naturalistic modelling reflect the influence of Spanish Realism while conveying warmth, humanity, and storytelling. Painted on a solid wooden panel, the work is signed lower left and retains its original period character. It is presented in a complementary gilt frame and would make an outstanding addition to any collection of nineteenth-century Spanish painting or European genre scenes.

Artist Tomás García Sampedro (1860-1937) was a Spanish painter best known for his highly accomplished genre scenes depicting traditional Spanish customs and everyday life. His works are admired for their meticulous draughtsmanship, refined academic technique, and engaging narrative quality. Sampedro regularly exhibited during the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries and his paintings remain sought after by collectors of Spanish academic and costumbrista art.

Artist Details Working during the flourishing period of Spanish Costumbrismo, García Sampedro specialised in intimate interior scenes and depictions of regional traditions. His paintings combine careful observation with a warm sense of character, often celebrating family life, rural customs, and traditional dress. His works have appeared at international auction houses and continue to attract collectors of nineteenth-century Spanish painting.

Condition Presented in good overall condition for its age. The painting displays age-related craquelure and minor surface wear consistent with nineteenth-century works. Examination of the reverse confirms the panel support. The painting is housed in an attractive gilt frame with age-related wear that complements the period of the artwork.

Signature Signed lower left: "Luis García Sampedro" and dated 1899.

Style Spanish Academic Realism / Costumbrismo (Genre Painting).

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