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Portrait Of A Young Woman Reading - Oil On Canvas By Antonio García Mencía (1849-1920)



8 500 EUR

Signature : Antonio García Mencía

Period : 19th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Oil painting

Width : 42

Height : 61

Description

A beautifully executed antique oil on canvas by Spanish artist Antonio García Mencía (1849-1920) depicting a thoughtful young woman seated beside a coastal terrace, holding a closed book as she gazes towards the sea. Painted with refined academic realism, the composition combines finely modelled facial features with a tranquil maritime landscape and subtle natural light. The elegant costume, delicate lace detailing and restrained palette of blues, greens and warm flesh tones create a harmonious and contemplative atmosphere. García Mencía's accomplished handling of light, texture and expression is evident throughout, producing a portrait that is both intimate and highly decorative. Signed lower left and inscribed on the reverse, this work is an excellent example of late

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nineteenth-century Spanish academic
portraiture. Artist Antonio García Mencia
(1849-1920) was a Spanish painter renowned for
his accomplished portraits and genre scenes.
Working within the academic tradition during the
late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, he
became recognised for his refined
draughtsmanship, sensitive treatment of light and
elegant figure compositions. Artist Details Born in
1849, Antonio García Mencia worked during the
flourishing period of Spanish Academic Realism,
producing finely executed portraits and narrative
genre scenes that combine technical precision
with warmth and humanity. His work reflects the
influence of the great European academic
painters, with careful modelling, balanced
compositions and subtle colour harmonies.
Today, García Mencia's paintings are represented
in private collections and continue to achieve
strong results at auction. Condition Presented in a
decorative gilt frame. The painting displays
age-related craquelure, light surface wear
consistent with its age. Style Spanish Academic
Realism. Colour Palette Soft blue, sage green,
ivory, pale pink, warm brown and muted earth
tones. Subject A contemplative young woman
seated beside the coast holding a book, conveying
themes of reflection, education and quiet
contemplation. Packing, Shipping and insurance
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