



Portrait Of A Young Girl With A White Cat / 19th Century / French School / Hst



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Period : 19th century

Condition : Très bon état

Material : Oil painting

Description

19th-century French School Portrait of a Young Girl with a White Cat Oil on canvas - Original canvas and stretcher Unframed: 49 × 41 cm With frame: 69 × 58 cm A charming and elegant portrait depicting a young girl with delicate features, tenderly holding a magnificent white cat in her arms. The girl is dressed in a high-waisted white dress, accented by a wide blue ribbon--a silhouette characteristic of neoclassical fashion and the legacy of Empire style, which continued into the early years of the Restoration. Her hairstyle, with curls carefully arranged around her face, completes this elegant ensemble. The young girl is depicted in a particularly natural and affectionate pose, her face resting against the animal's. The painter took great care to render with finesse the delicate skin tones, the large

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eyes, the curls of the hair, and above all the cat's white coat, which is depicted with great attention to detail. The composition, with its dark red curtain, white linen, and soft skin tones, creates a particularly appealing contrast and lends the work a strong decorative presence. The theme of a young girl accompanied by or cuddling an animal is part of a tradition that has been particularly popular in French painting since the 18th century, notably in the wake of Jean-Baptiste Greuze, whose portraits and sentimental scenes featuring children enjoyed immense success. Rather, it attests to the continued presence, at the beginning of the 19th century, of this sentimental and refined aesthetic.