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German Master, 18th Century - Portrait Of A Bearded Old Man



5 500 EUR

Period : 18th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Oil painting

Width : 43cm

Height : 58cm

Description

German Master, 18th century - Portrait of a Bearded Elderly Man: Character Study
This striking and deeply expressive character study (tronie) exemplifies the captivating realism and psychological depth cultivated in 18th-century German and Central European portrait painting. The painting depicts an elderly man with a thick, wavy white beard and features marked by the passage of time, captured in a three-quarter view against a dark, neutral background. The artist demonstrates a brilliant mastery of chiaroscuro, using a dramatic, concentrated light source from above to highlight the contours of the man's furrowed brow, wrinkled skin, and red cheeks. Every detail--from the coarse hairs of his beard to the luminous highlights on his skin--is rendered with remarkable texture and tactile immediacy.

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Works of this type served as fundamental exercises in emotional expression, physiognomy, and the effects of light for artists of the time. The richness of the brushwork, the palette of earthy tones, and the profound human dignity reflected in the subject's gaze attest to the enduring influence of Baroque traditions, fused with the intimate naturalism of the 18th-century Central European school. Oil on canvas, 58 x 43 cm. Good condition.