



Joseph-denis Odevaere (bruges 1775 - Brussels 1830), Self-portrait

1 000 EUR



Signature : Joseph-Denis Odevaere

Period : 19th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Painted wood

Height : 34.5 x 39.5 cm

Description

Portrait of Joseph-Denis Odevaere and his wife Sylvie de la Rue, a pair of portraits, dated 1819. Two oil paintings on thin oak panels. The artist is depicted holding an academic figure study, highlighting his work as a draftsman, history painter, and portraitist. The female portrait depicts Sylvie de la Rue dressed in Empire-style fashion and wearing her wedding ring. On the reverse are several old identification labels, including the inscription "Painted by Odevaere 1819." Joseph-Denis Odevaere is considered one of the leading representatives of Neoclassicism in the former Southern Netherlands. Trained at the Bruges Academy, he continued his studies in Paris under Joseph-Benoît Suvée and Jacques-Louis David. In 1804, he won the prestigious Prix de Rome

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with *The Death of Phocion*, which allowed him to spend several years in Italy. Upon his return, he was appointed court painter to King William I of the Netherlands and distinguished himself through his history paintings, religious compositions, and portraits. Odevaere also played an important role in the return to the city of Bruges of works of art that had been taken during the French occupation. He married Sylvie de la Rue on September 17, 1818. The date "1819" inscribed on the reverse of this pair of portraits places their creation immediately after this marriage. The iconography, the old identification labels, the stylistic characteristics, and the historical context all support the identification of the figures depicted as Joseph-Denis Odevaere and his wife Sylvie de la Rue. Provenance: Former collection; old identification labels on the reverse, including the inscription "Painted by Odevaere 1819." Details: Oil on oak panels--pair of portraits--panel dimensions: 23.2 x 28.2 cm each--dimensions with frame: 34.5 x 39.5 cm each--total weight: 293 g.