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Franco-mexican School (c. 1860) - Still Life With Pan De Muerto And A Bouquet Of Flowers



3 300 EUR

Period : 19th century

Condition : Très bon état

Material : Oil painting

Description

Oil on canvas. Original canvas. Hand-signed. This unusual bouquet, painted around 1860, offers a fascinating glimpse into the cultural and aesthetic fusion fostered by the colony of French artists, scientists, and officers who accompanied Maximilian I's Second Mexican Empire. The composition, marked by the academic rigor and technical mastery of 19th-century French still lifes, takes on a deeply local and intimate dimension thanks to the presence, among the delicate flowers in the vase, of the distinctive silhouette--toasted and sweet--of a traditional Day of the Dead bread. This juxtaposition reveals the fascination that Mexican folklore, gastronomy, and funerary symbolism held for the discerning eyes of French travelers, who discovered an unprecedented botanical and religious repertoire

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in the Americas. Through a subtle interplay of light and shadow and exquisite execution, the work transcends the mere exercise of European naturalism to capture on canvas this unique moment of cultural encounter: the delicate integration of the French academic artistic vision into the rich and poetic everyday imagery of mid-19th-century Mexico.- Unframed image dimensions: 25 x 36 cm / 39 x 49.5 cm with a custom frame.