



Duck Hunting, By Aignan-thomas Desfriches, 1789



900 EUR

Signature : Aignan-Thomas Desfriches

Period : 18th century

Condition : Très bon état

Material : Paper

Description

A lively landscape scene featuring two figures near a body of water, by Aignan-Thomas Desfriches. In the foreground, two hunters have just flushed some waterfowl. The first hunter fires; thick smoke billows from his gun as the shot leaves a white trail toward the two birds taking flight. The second hunter, rifle on his shoulder, stands back to observe the scene--the outcome of which is left to your imagination. In the background, one can make out the silhouette of a Renaissance castle, likely the Château de Chamerolles, given its proximity to the artist's residence and its architectural style.

Aignan-Thomas Desfriches, Lord of La Cartaudière, was a draftsman, engraver, collector, and French patron of the arts, born in Orléans on March 7, 1715, and died in Orléans on December

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25, 1800. Desfriches is one of those figures who shape the destiny of a city. It was he, in fact, who enabled Orléans to become, in the 18th century, an artistic hub that welcomed the greatest artists of the time for religious or private commissions. He initially pursued a career as an artist, which took him from Dominé's studio in Orléans to the studios of Nicolas Bertin and Natoire in Paris; he returned to Orléans in 1737 to take over the family business. But he continued to pursue his passion: drawing, primarily small landscapes and scenes of daily life. Beginning in 1760, he broke new ground by using a little-known technique: tablet paper covered with a layer of plaster. This miniature, executed in black chalk and scraping on tondo tablet paper, is presented in its original wooden and brass frame. It is signed and dated at the bottom center: "Desfriches 1789." Visible diameter : 7 cm / Diameter including frame : 11 cm A second miniature by the same artist is available in Gallery 29 AV. Shipping available to France, the EU, and outside the EU upon request. Source for the biography of Aignan-Thomas Desfriches: Wikipedia and the Museums of Orléans