



Drawing By Julien Vallou De Villeneuve, *young Man*, Presumed Portrait Of The Composer Rossini



580 EUR

Signature : Julien Vallou de Villeneuve (1795-1866).

Period : 19th century

Condition : Très bon état

Material : Paper

Width : à vue : 16 cm / cadre : 24 cm

Height : à vue : 20,3 cm / cadre : 28 cm

Description

Presumed portrait of the Italian composer Gioachino Antonio Rossini (1792-1868). This three-quarter-length bust drawing depicts a man from the bourgeoisie or the artistic world of the Romantic era. * Signed and dated "Vallou 1833" * It is the work of Julien Vallou de Villeneuve (1795-1866), a painter, draftsman, lithographer, and future pioneer of French photography. Key details of the drawing: The artist: Signed "Vallou" (he commonly abbreviated his full name, Vallou de Villeneuve), this is a typical work from his graphic output of the 1830s, a period during which he regularly exhibited at the Paris Salon and worked extensively in illustration and lithography. The date (1833): It perfectly reflects men's fashion during the reign of Louis-Philippe (the July Monarchy). The man

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wears the typical clothing features of that era: A stiff shirt collar that rises up along his cheeks. A wide cravat or a piece of fabric tied around the neck (often black silk). A frock coat or woolen jacket with wide lapels (shawl or notched collars). A romantic "wind-swept" hairstyle with short hair that is naturally curly or wavy on top, accompanied by neatly trimmed sideburns at the temples. Style and technique: This is a high-quality charcoal drawing, enhanced with subtle shading to model the face. It follows the pure tradition of bourgeois portraits from the first half of the 19th century, heavily influenced by masters of the genre such as Jean-Auguste-Dominique Ingres. A beautiful drawing by Julien Vallou de Villeneuve, demonstrating great technical mastery (particularly in the drape of the jacket and the delicacy of the gaze), attests to his excellent academic training. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us.

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