Saint Sebastian - 15th Century Southern Italian School



25 000 EUR

Signature : École d'Italie du Sud, XVe siècle

Period : Before 16th century

Condition : Très bon état

Material : Oil painting on wood

Width : 34cm

Height : 41cm

Description

ProvenancePrivate Italian CollectionSaint Sebastian was a Roman centurion who converted to Christianity and, in punishment, the Roman Emperor Diocletian ordered Sebastian's fellow soldiers to tie him to a post and shoot him with arrows.The artist places the protagonist in the foreground, painting him in a bright light with delicate chiaroscuro shading against a background of darker colours with rays of gold shinning down. Six bloody arrows pierce Saint Sebastian's body. Saint Sebastian is tied to a post and stares to the light shinning down from the top right corner.Saint Sebastian wears the crown of martyrdom which again is in gold. Sebastian celebrates beauty as a manifestation of the divine. Here, however, the artist depicts the bound and wounded Saint Sebastian with only the barest

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suggestion of setting. In the absence of narrative details, the viewer is left to contemplate the saint's serene suffering and tortured body. The artist has achieved a lovely combination of grace and monumentality in the figure.