

SA1002458

Jean Becmeur, Nude - Oil Painting

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA1002458****Date of manufacture: 1940**

Dimensions

Height = 70 cm (27.6")

Width = 82 cm (32.3")

Depth = 6 cm (2.4")

Description

This mid-20th-century oil painting by French artist Jean Becmeur (1890-1952) depicts a female nude relaxing upon a bed while reading. The sensuous indented form of a curved spine leads the eye downwards as she reads with a laissez-faire attitude. Seemingly nonchalant about the artist at work. It's casual, unstaged and authentic. Perhaps they know each other. Jean Becmeur was a remarkable character and also a war hero, receiving the Croix de Guerre for an act of bravery during World War I. He signed up for the French military at around 20 years old having studied at the illustrious École des Beaux-Arts. The unimaginable horrors of war would've been quite a departure from the delicacy of the Belle Époque era. In 1940, when he completed this piece, he was probably working at Le Lycée Henri-IV in Paris. He received a medal at the Salon around four years later. Signed lower right and held within a later frame. Medium: Oil on canvas Overall size: 32" x 27½" / 82cm x 70cm Year of creation: c. 1940 Condition: Artwork presents well. Fine craquelure but the paint is stable. Frame with some light wear. French artist Jean Becmeur is predominantly known as a painter of portraits...

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