

**SA1061418**

## Leon Goupil, Maternité (Motherhood) - Antique Oil Painting

Price

**Sold****Item Reference: SA1061418****Date of manufacture: 1870**

Dimensions

Height = 117 cm (46.1")

Width = 94 cm (37.0")

Depth = 7 cm (2.8")

## Description

This fine mid-19th-century oil painting by French artist Leon Goupil (1834-1890) depicts a mother and her three children within a rustic interior. Goupil worked during the mid to late 19th century, a time of great transition for European art. But unlike many of his contemporaries, he rebuked the advances of modern tastes, preferring to retain his classical ideals. In this respect, he was a rebel in his own right. His artistic education was a formal affair at the Paris School of Fine Arts under Ary Scheffer and his brother Henri. Both were romantics and Ary, in particular, was well-admired for his fine brushwork and exquisite figures. Also the teacher of King Louis Philippe I's children. For young Goupil, his training would've been taxing, with the focus on perfecting one's drawing skills and studying the old masters, yet equally rewarding. At just 16, in 1850, he debuted at the Paris Salon, somewhat audaciously with a self-portrait. It was a fascinating exhibition with a palpable tension between old and new. The behemoths of French romanticism, such as Eugene Delacroix, were represented - so too were the classicists. But equally, the young realist painters, such as Gus...

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