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Edgard Wiethase, Coffee House - Oil Painting

Price

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Item Reference: SA1071618

Date of manufacture: 1920

Dimensions

Height = 87 cm (34.3")

Width = 96 cm (37.8")

Depth = 5 cm (2.0")

Description

This early 20th-century oil painting by Belgian artist Edgard Wiethase (1881-1965) depicts a coffee house interior with bar. Attired in "cool-fitting" suits with "well-chosen jackets and ties", Wiethase was an artist of both style and substance. His oeuvre is brimming with colour - sunflowers, interiors, gardens, each enlivened with vibrant palettes. During the 1920s, his heyday, he was praised for conveying a sense of "joyful, unblemished beauty", which was a welcome distraction during the aftermath of World War I. He trained at the Royal Academy of Fine Arts in Antwerp under Charles Boom (1858-1939), Charles Mertens (1865-1919) and Piet Verhaert (1852-1908). They were wholeheartedly traditional tutors and urged students to hone their technique by diligently studying the old masters. This classical grounding provided the basis of a fruitful career and he developed a deep respect for the Flemish painters of yesteryear. With one foot firmly planted in the past, Wiethase blended both old and new. Drawn to emerging ideas yet keen to utilise his academic training. As such, his works often carry an unusual tension, the paint is applied liberally and with spirit, yet composi...

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