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Masterpiece: Fauve animated harbour scene, ca 1910, the South of France, Georges Dufrenoy French oil on canvas

Price

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Item Reference: SA1119159

Date of manufacture: 1910

Dimensions

Height = 54 cm (21.3")

Width = 65 cm (25.6")

Depth = 1 cm (0.4")

Description

Like all great art, this painting works on many levels. You can enjoy the bold, fauve composition as a whole, or focus on different parts of the painting, where there is so much to discover. I can't get enough of studying the figures in the foreground, all individual and dynamic: the couple and their little girl, the lady with the veil, the people on the jetty, the sailor on his boat. On the hill in the background, the houses are gorgeous abstracted patchwork of shades of green, orange, brown and white, heralding cubism. Georges Dufrénoy (1870-1943) was an artist who cared deeply about art. He was not interested in fame, gimmicks, or building a cult around his personality. He decided to become a painter aged 17, after some hesitating between architecture and art. Note how his interest in architecture is evident from the construction of this painting. Dufrénoy initially studied with Jean-Paul Laurens at the Académie Julian in Paris from 1887, and subsequently became the only pupil of Désiré Laugier. His early works, which he started exhibiting in 1895, were very much influenced by Impressionism. His gallerist from then on was Druet, who had artists such as Bonnard, Derai...

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