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Jan Cossiers (Circle), Portrait Of A Man Holding A Jug - Antique Oil Painting

Price

GBP 4,800

| USD \$6,495 | EUR 5,616

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Date of manufacture: 17th Century

Dimensions

Height = 93 cm (36.6")

Width = 80 cm (31.5")

Depth = 7 cm (2.8")

Description

This engaging mid-17th-century Flemish oil on canvas depicts a cheerful young man who turns toward us with a knowing smile, his hand wrapped confidently around a stoneware beer jug. It was painted by an artist working in the circle of Flemish painter Jan Cossiers (1600-1671). The beauty of this portrayal is its candidness, as it lacks the formality of the mainstay of 17th-century portraiture. Here, we see a bright-eyed youth, possibly a brewery assistant, cooper, or young artisan, caught within a moment of unbridled merriment as if someone has called his name, mid-conversation. The portrait probably originates in Antwerp, one of the most diverse and vibrant ports in Northern Europe. Sailors, merchants, labourers, journeymen, rope-makers, dyers, soldiers between campaigns, and countless apprentices passed through its streets. For men of his class, community was found not in the grand houses of the Meir but in the taverns - warm, smoky, convivial refuges that served as the city's social heart. These taverns were alive with sound: the clack of trictrac pieces, the scratch of a cittern, the thrum of conversation woven from tall tales, triumphs, grumbles, jokes, and the eve...

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