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Christoffel Albertus Vos, The Kermis In Amsterdam - Antique Oil Painting

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA1210586****Date of manufacture: 19th Century**

Dimensions

Height = 55 cm (21.7")

Width = 63 cm (24.8")

Depth = 5 cm (2.0")

Description

This fascinating mid-19th-century oil painting by Dutch artist Christoffel Albertus Vos (1813-1877) depicts an evening kermis in Amsterdam, most likely set in the Botermarkt (later Rembrandtplein). Vos was known for his interest in theatrical subjects and spent his life in Amsterdam. A temporary fair has transformed the civic square into a theatre of light, spectacle, and social exchange. The work is signed and dated 1843, and as such, it stands as a vivid document of urban life. A scene the artist would've known well. It unfolds beneath a darkened sky, animated by a constellation of torches, oil lamps, and braziers that cast a warm, flickering glow across the crowd. At its centre, a raised platform hosts a theatrical performance: an acrobat dressed in white gestures outward, engaging the assembled audience with exaggerated movement. Behind him, painted banners advertise feats of agility, such as balancing acts, rope-walking, and acrobatic displays. Nearby, another banner depicts a lion-taming act. Around this nucleus, life gathers in carefully observed detail. A dense but orderly crowd watches attentively: figures in top hats and tailored coats stand alongside women i...

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