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Arthur Gué, The Square In Donzenac, Corrèze, June 1906 - Antique Oil Painting

Price

GBP 1,750

| USD \$2,386 | EUR 2,042

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Date of manufacture: 1900

Dimensions

Height = 64 cm (25.2")

Width = 86 cm (33.9")

Depth = 5 cm (2.0")

Description

This interesting early 20th-century oil painting by French artist Arthur Gué (1857-1916) depicts a view of Donzenac in Corrèze. It's dated June, 1906. For Gué, travelling and painting seem to have been inseparable pleasures. He journeyed widely through France and beyond, seeking places with character: old streets, market squares, harbours, villages and the everyday architecture through which one community could be distinguished from another. His paintings often have the feeling of a traveller's visual diary - records of the small things that made him glad he'd gone. Donzenac must have suited him perfectly. Situated around ten kilometres north of Brive-la-Gaillarde, the old fortified town occupies an outcrop overlooking the Maumont in the Corrèze. Its historic centre retains much of its medieval character, with old houses, high walls and narrow winding streets gathered around the church. Nearby Travassac was traditionally home to generations of slate workers, whose quarries supplied the distinctive stone that still covers many of the region's roofs. When Gué arrived here, we can imagine him doing what he appears to have enjoyed most: wandering. Perhaps he spent a mornin...

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