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Mid-19th-Century French School, Portrait Of A Young Woman With Her Dog - Antique Oil Painting

Price

GBP 2,200

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Date of manufacture: 1850

Dimensions

Height = 88 cm (34.6")

Width = 74 cm (29.1")

Depth = 6 cm (2.4")

Description

This charming mid-19th-century French oil painting depicts a young woman seated alongside her beloved dog. It's signed with the initials 'HP' and dated 1854. There's an appealing directness to this portrait. The young woman looks steadily towards us, her expression composed and notably free from the conventional sweetness sometimes associated with female portraiture of the period. She neither smiles nor performs for the viewer. Instead, there is a quiet self-possession to her presence - perhaps even a sense of resilience. Her appearance has been carefully considered. Her dark hair is centrally parted and drawn smoothly around either side of the head, creating an unusually sculptural silhouette. She wears a rich emerald-green dress, its lustrous fabric enlivened by broad highlights, together with finely worked white lace at the collar and cuffs. A small black bow provides a fashionable contrast at her throat, while jewellery at her wrist and waist introduces discreet indications of status. Yet the most personal element is surely her companion. Nestled closely beside her is a small black-and-white dog wearing a bright red ribbon. The animal looks away while its mistress ...

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