

SA893431

The homely woodland nymph,
circa 1870: 19th Century
antique French oil on board on
canvas painting

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA893431****Date of manufacture: 1870**

Dimensions

Height = 13 cm (5.1")

Width = 27 cm (10.6")

Depth = 1 cm (0.4")

Description

I love inventing titles, even though I may be stretching things a little here! And yet - the scene is so enigmatic: a young woman, in dressed in rather baggy garb, is lying in woodland, resting on her elbow, and looking straight at us. The light seems to come from the moon rather than the sun, adding to the mysterious atmosphere. Dating from the 19th Century, and incredibly modern for its time, the painting has been attributed on the verso to Jean-Baptiste Bertrand (25 March 1823 Lyon - 26 Sept 1887 Orsay, Seine-et-Oise). He initially studied with Étienne Rey and later of Jean-Claude Bonnefond at the École des Beaux-Arts in Lyon from 1840 to 1843. Artist Alphonse Perin (1798-1874) suggested that he move to Paris, where he enrolled at the École des Beaux-Arts in 1844 and had his first Salon exhibition in 1857. Bertrand travelled in Italy between 1857 and 1862. Returning to Paris, he befriended sculptors such as Jean-Baptiste Carpeaux, Alexandre Falguière and Auguste Clésinger. Influenced by his sculptor contacts, Bertrand devoted himself from 1866 to allegories and genre scenes, departing from his early Nazarene style. The painting presented here is an oil on board mou...

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