

SA928491

Boats and Fishermen off the Cote d'Azur coast, ca 1938, the South of France, large colourful mediterranean seascape oil on board

Price

Sold

Item Reference: SA928491

Date of manufacture: 1940

Dimensions

Height = 55 cm (21.7")

Width = 70 cm (27.6")

Depth = 1 cm (0.4")

Description

All the light and the colours of the mediterranean in one gorgeous, life affirming picture! Looking at this wonderfully sun drenched oil on board by Leo Fontan, dating from circa 1935-40, feels like taking a holiday. One finds oneself leisurely counting the sailboats on the horizon, and gets lost in the hypnotic ripples on the water. Léo Fontan (1884-1965) grew up in Touraine in the Centre of France, and studied at the École supérieure des beaux-arts de Tours from 1900 to 1903, in the studios of Félix Laurent and Courault. He was subsequently admitted to the École Nationale des Beaux-Arts in Paris, where he worked with the masters Fernand Cormon, Léon Bonnat and Luc-Olivier Merson. He was selected among the last ten candidates for the Grand Prix de Rome (a prize for the most promising young artist) in 1909. Fontan's military booklet describes him during national service in 1904 as follows "Blonde with blue eyes, round chin, oval face, height 1.67 meters", and suffering from chronic bronchitis which he inherited from his mother. Not only a painter, Léo Fontan also illustrated books. One might even call him a co-creator of the detective Arsène Lupin, given that he...

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