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A token of friendship: lily of the valley flowers still life as a lucky charm, Franco British painter circa 1960 oil on canvas

Price

GBP 460

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Item Reference: SA930797

Date of manufacture: 1960

Dimensions

Height = 27 cm (10.6")

Width = 22 cm (8.7")

Depth = 1 cm (0.4")

Description

This utterly charming still life of humble lily-of-the-valley in a glass is almost magically joyful. It is a work by Franco-British artist Paul Lucien Dessau. Born in London in 1906 into a family with French origins, Paul came to spend time in France as an adult. Our painting, dating from the 1960s, was likely painted there, the stretcher being of a traditional French size, 27 x 22 cm. The French connection may well be of relevance to our charming still life. Lily-of-the-valley - called "Muguet" in French - are flowers with a special significance in France. On May day, it is customary to give little bouquets of lily-of-the-valley as a gesture of friendship and appreciation, as well as a lucky charm, to family and friends. I think these attributes are represented here. Paul was the third of four children: his father died when he was young and he did not do well at school. On leaving school he joined a commercial art studio as an apprentice, mostly doing catalogue work for department stores. In due course, he left to start his own design studio with his brother Bernard. Whilst continuing to work, Paul Dessau began to study part-time at the Hornsey School of Art ...

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