

SA979505

Nicolas Baudesson (School), Still Life With Flowers - Antique Oil Painting

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA979505****Date of manufacture: 1700**

Dimensions

Height = 43 cm (16.9")

Width = 53 cm (20.9")

Depth = 4 cm (1.6")

Description

This early 18th-century French still life painting depicts flowers, including roses, arranged in a basket. Produced during the Baroque period, these sumptuous blooms explode from a basket with radiant splendour - cramming the canvas with abundant vivacity. To appreciate the significance of this bountiful ensemble, we need to first consider the decadent environs of Louis XIV. At the Palace of Versailles, interiors were adorned with the most luxurious of fineries, he was a lover of the arts and encouraged artists to celebrate the grandeur of his Kingdom. Still lifes of this period represent wealth, status and love but also hold an intellectually deeper meaning for those who wish to study them. A wilting flower, for example, often refers to the fleeting nature of life itself - a symbol of one's own mortality. While red roses symbolise passion, and yellow roses refer to jealousy or infidelity. French artist Nicolas Baudesson (1611-1680) was a master of this craft and many of his works were acquired by the King. His opulent floral displays are usually set against a dark background to add further contrast and a three-dimensional appearance. This piece is close to his style a...

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