

SA995393

The straw hat: a young
mediterranean girl, circa 1820
oil on canvas

Price

Sold

Item Reference: SA995393

Date of manufacture: 1800

Dimensions

Height = 45.5 cm (17.9")

Width = 36 cm (14.2")

Depth = 1 cm (0.4")

Description

A wonderful portrait of a young woman with beautiful eyes. Dating from the early 1800s, the painting and the girl portrayed are most likely Southern French or Italian in origin. The straw hat on the young lady's head, with its shallow crown and wide brim is a typical bergère style "shepherdess" hat. Implying rural simplicity, and was also known as a milkmaid hat. However, its place in art history lends it more risqué undertones: it features in Fragonard's suggestive painting *The Swing* c1767, as well as in an infamous portrait of Marie Antoinette painted by Vigée-Lebrun. Presented in a Empire style frame, the overall size is 61 x 55 cm.

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