



Léon Jean Pétua (1846-1921), Sketch For Suzanne Au Bain, Oil, Salon Of 1880



900 EUR

Signature : Léon Jean Pétua (Besançon 1846-Zurich 1921)

Period : 19th century

Condition : En l'etat

Material : Oil painting

Width : 26,8

Height : 36

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Description

Léon Jean Pétua (1846-1921)

Sketch for Suzanne and the Elders (1880) or
Suzanne in the Bath

Oil on canvas mounted on cardboard

36 x 26.8 cm (cardboard)

47.5 x 39 cm (frame)

Signed lower left: L.Pétua

This sketch is preparatory for a painting exhibited
at the 1880 Salon "Suzanne and the Elders"

Good general condition - some missing parts -
needs cleaning

Léon-Jean Pétua, born in 1846 in Besançon and
died in 1921 in Zurich, was a French painter from
Franche-Comté. He began his artistic training at
the Municipal School of Drawing in Besançon
under the tutelage of Franceschi. At the same

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time, he worked as an apprentice photographer at A. Lumière in 1846. Pétua then continued his studies at the Beaux-Arts in Paris, where he was a student of Jean-Léon Gérôme. In 1871-1872, he obtained a higher diploma from the City of Paris for the teaching of drawing. In 1875, he became a professor at the Technikum in Zurich.

This sketch throws out the artist's first thoughts, and includes some variations with the final version exhibited in 1880. The painting from the Salon was sold at Christies New York in 1989.