

19TH CENTURY DUTCH SCHOOL BANQUET SCENE OIL PAINTING AFTER VAN DER HELST

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Large European historical painting depicting a lively banquet of officers and gentlemen gathered around a richly set table, executed in the Dutch Golden Age style and inspired by the celebrated civic guard compositions of Bartholomeus van der Helst. Painted circa 1880, the scene captures a festive interior filled with animated figures in period attire raising glasses, conversing, and celebrating in a warm, atmospheric setting.

The composition draws from the tradition of 17th-century Dutch group portraiture, particularly banquet scenes commemorating the Peace of Münster in 1648, which marked the end of the Eighty Years' War and secured the independence of the Dutch Republic. While clearly influenced by van der Helst's iconic civic guard paintings, this work is a later interpretation, created for decorative appeal rather than as a commissioned portrait of identifiable sitters.

Painted on canvas and mounted on a later stretcher, the artwork exhibits surface wear, light craquelure, and areas of restoration consistent with age and use. The rich palette of deep browns, ochres, and muted reds enhances the depth and Old World character of the composition.

This antique painting would make a striking statement in a dining room, wine room, study, or library, bringing a sense of history, movement, and conversation to the space.

The piece is in good condition commensurate with age and use, with expected wear and minor restorations.

Dimensions: 66"W x 33.75"H

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