



PAIR OF 19TH CENTURY FRENCH BARBIZON OIL PAINTINGS IN ORIGINAL GILT FRAMES

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This evocative pair of antique French cabinet-scale oil paintings dates to circa 1870 and reflects the influence of the Barbizon School, known for its naturalistic depictions of rural life and landscape. Painted in oil on panel, each composition captures a tranquil countryside scene rendered with loose, atmospheric brushwork and a soft, tonal palette characteristic of mid-19th-century French painting. One painting depicts figures in a small boat along a calm river beneath a distant bridge, while the companion scene shows figures walking near a rustic cottage framed by trees and open sky. The intimate scale and balanced compositions suggest these works were intended as decorative cabinet pictures, ideal for close viewing in refined interiors. Both paintings retain their original giltwood frames, richly molded with classical leaf and scroll ornamentation. The frames present a warm, time-softened gilt patina that enhances the pastoral imagery and underscores their authentic antique character. Each painting is signed in the lower corner; the signature appears to read possibly "M. Bruluy," though the artist has not been definitively identified, and the works are therefore offered as Barbizon-style, reflecting artistic influence rather than a named hand. The pair is in excellent condition commensurate with age and use, with light surface wear and gentle patina consistent with authentic antique works. Dimensions (each, framed): 12.5"W x 11"H