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Dutch Vegetable Market Scene, Circa 1800

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Height: 23 cm (9.1")

Width: 20 cm (7.9")

Description

A charming early 19th-century Dutch oil on copper panel depicting a lively vegetable market scene, painted circa 1800. The composition centres on a market seller surrounded by her produce, attended by customers whose gestures and expressions bring a sense of warmth, character, and everyday theatre to the scene.

Painted on copper, the work has the finely detailed surface and luminous depth associated with the medium. The smooth, non-absorbent support allowed the artist to achieve crisp definition in the figures, vegetables, clothing, and market details, while also lending richness and clarity to the colours. The compact scale and careful finish make this an engaging cabinet picture, rewarding close inspection.

The subject continues the long Dutch tradition of representing scenes of daily life: markets, tradespeople, and domestic transactions transformed into vivid, carefully observed works of art. Here, the humble activity of buying vegetables becomes a small narrative, shaped by the interaction between seller and customer and by the abundance of freshly displayed produce.

With its appealing subject, intimate scale, and refined copper support, this painting would sit beautifully in a collection of Dutch and Flemish genre pictures, in a kitchen or dining room, or as part of a wider interior scheme. It offers both decorative charm and a tangible connection to the enduring Dutch fascination with the colour, humour, and human detail of everyday life.

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