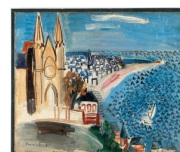
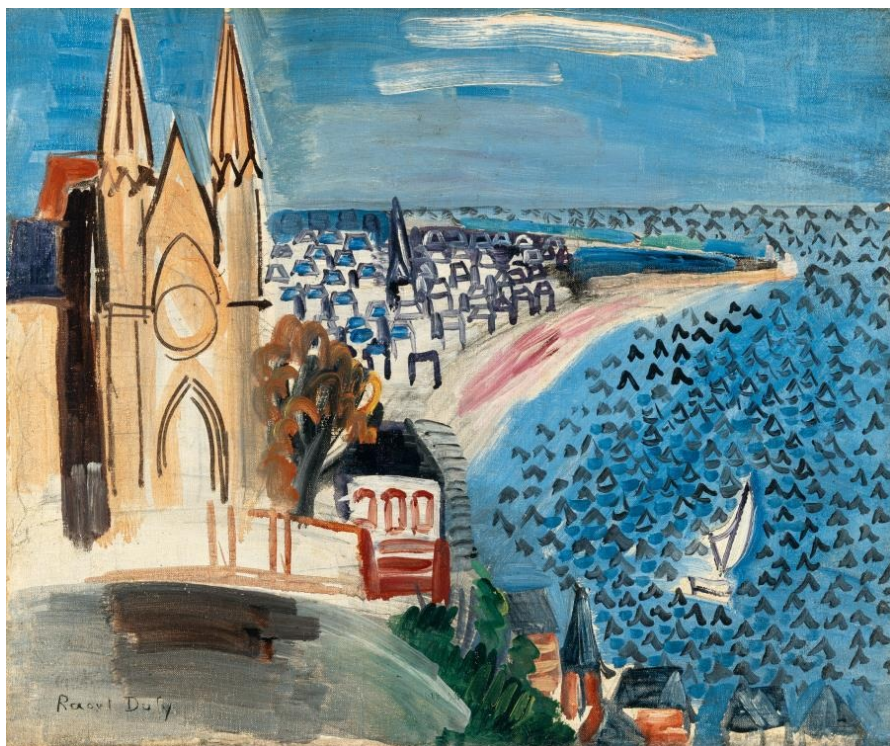


Raoul Dufy

Lot 619

L'Entrée du Port du Havre



Low estimate :

€ 100,000

High estimate :

€ 150,000

VAT on hammer price :

7 %

Buyers premium incl. VAT :

27 %

VAT over buyers premium :

7 %

Artist

Raoul Dufy

1877 Le Havre - Forcalquier 1953

Öl über Bleistift auf Leinwand. (1924-26). Ca. 38,5 x 46 cm. Signiert unten links. Verso auf der umgeschlagenen Leinwand nochmals signiert sowie bezeichnet "N.D. des flots St. Ad(...) Le Havre".

Further information

Mit einer Fotoexpertise von Fanny Guillon-Lafaille, Paris, vom 18.10.1996, mit der Nr. "P96-301". Das Gemälde wird in den in Vorbereitung befindlichen zweiten Nachtrag zum Dufy-Werkverzeichnis der Gemälde aufgenommen.

Exhibition

Raoul Dufy, 40 peintures et aquarelles, Galerie Boulakia, Paris 2002, Abb. (o. S.).

Provenance

Sotheby's, New York 13.11.1996, Los 288;
Privatsammlung, New York, bei Vorgenannter erworben;
Christie's, London 22.6.2005, Los 209;
Privatsammlung, Monaco, bei Vorgenannter erworben.

- Work executed in Dufy's characteristic style
- Depicts the Chapelle Notre-Dame des Flots in Sainte-Adresse
- The lightness of maritime life

The port of Le Havre in north-western France is not only the second-largest port in the country and (formerly) an important defensive stronghold against invading English forces. Today, the port is one of Europe's most important cargo ports and of critical importance as a transshipment hub. On the 10,000-hectare site, supertankers are unloaded with oil, and cruise ships and yachts are handled.

None of this is visible in Raoul Dufy's painting. Quite the contrary: the artist shows us a romanticised version of the harbour bay; small waves carry a solitary sailing ship. Le Havre is condensed into a miniature-like town, with only a single tower peeking out. In the foreground, Dufy depicts the Chapelle Notre-Dame des Flots. Built in 1857 in the neighbouring Sainte-Adresse, the church overlooks the entire bay. It is dedicated to Our Lady and serves the faithful as a seafarers' church, where prayers are offered for a safe voyage and those lost at sea are remembered.