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Johann Georg Platzer

**Amusement at the court
Johann Georg Platzer**

(St. Paul in Eppan 1704-1761 St. Michael in Eppan)

Vienna, ca. 1738

oil / copper

57 x 80 cm (22,4 x 31,5 inch)

signed ,J. G. Platzer'

This society piece with an integrated self-portrait is a major work by Johann Georg Platzer, the unrivalled representative of the Austrian Baroque. His artistry is evident in his miniature-like detail accuracy and the nuances of bright colors with which he creates an enamel-like surface using a copper ground.

The painting was in the Imperial Russian collections until its auction in 1928. Other paintings by Platzer are still in the Hermitage Museum in St. Petersburg today.

Provenance:

Ivan Ivanovich Shuvalov (1727-1797), Shuvalov Palace St. Peterburg (according to a inscription on the reverse);

Imperial Russian collection of Empress Elizabeth of Russia;

Imperial Russian collection of Empress Catherine II. the Great;

Collection of the Russian Imperial family at Pawlowsk Palace,

Sale of paintings from the Russian Imperial collections from the Hermitage,

Michailoff Palace and Gatchina Palace;

Rudolph Lepke, Berlin, 6.-7. November 1928, Lot 412;

Auction 606, Dorotheum Vienna, 3.-6. December 1974, Lot 106;

Private collection, Vienna