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A D R I A E N O S T A D E

A Man smoking a Pipe

Adriaen Jansz Van Ostade was born in Haarlem where he spent the rest of his life. According to his biographer, Arnold Houbraken, Ostade was a pupil of Frans Hals at the same time as Adriaen Brouwer. He became famous for his genre-paintings and tavern-interiors with smokers, drinkers and dancing peasants. A smoker (and drinker) could represent the "taste" and the quickly vanishing smoke was also likened to the evanescence of life and thus a thankful vanitas motive.

Signed above right : *A. Ostade*

Collection Stamps and wax seal on the back

18.5 x 16 cm (7 1/4 x 6 1/4 inches)

Oil on panel

Price : € 37 500



Circa: ca 1640