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Landscape with Deer Hunt

David Vinckboons depicts a scene full of action and elegance in this lively forest landscape: a deer hunt in full swing. The composition is carefully constructed, offering an open view of a village surrounded by lush trees that frame the scene. The hunting party, dressed in elaborate costumes, moves through the landscape with dogs and weapons, searching for game. On the right, hunters confer, while on the left, a hunter approaches his prey, creating a moment of tension and movement.

Here, Vinckboons combines his talent for landscape painting with a narrative scene full of human activity. His style is reminiscent of Pieter Brueghel the Elder, with an eye for detail, vivid colours, and a playful depiction of everyday life. Nature is not merely a backdrop here, but an active participant in the story: the trees bend, light filters through the canopy and the water reflects the tranquillity behind the hunt.

This wonderful example of early Dutch Baroque art sees landscape and genre scenes merge into a harmonious whole. The hunt is depicted not only as a sport, but also as a social ritual — a moment of status, cooperation, and spectacle.

Oil on panel, 49 x 75,5 cm

