Henri Lebasque



1865-1937 | FRENCH

Paysage à la meule



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Oil on canvas | circa 1900

Signed and dedicated "Avec mes meilleurs voeux/Lebasque" (lower right)

Canvas: 17 3 /₄" high x 21 1 /₄" wide | 45.09 cm x 53.98 cm Frame: 25 7 /₈" high x 26 3 /₈" wide x 3" deep

65.72 cm x 66.99 cm x 7.62 cm



There is a sense of calm infused in Lebasque's paintings which celebrates the fullness and richness of life.

- Lisa Banner





enri Lebasque is widely regarded as one of the most important Post-Impressionist painters. Known as "the painter of the good life," he was celebrated for his mastery of light and atmosphere. His *Haystacks* series, inspired by Claude Monet's iconic works, beautifully reflects this ethos, and this rare landscape, *Paysage* à *la meule*, is a masterwork of the series.

Here you can see Lebasque drawing first-hand inspiration from Monet's acclaimed *Haystacks* series of 1891 in nearby Giverny. The result is remarkable: while Monet's tightly framed compositions focus on the immediacy and changing light of the haystacks, Lebasque adopts a broader, panoramic perspective, inviting the viewer to explore the surrounding landscape and immerse themselves in its beauty. The swift brushstrokes and harmonious palette of *Paysage à la meule* demonstrate Lebasque's mastery of these innovations, blending dynamic technique with an atmosphere of serene tranquility.

Henri Lebasque, born in Champigné, moved to Paris in 1885 to study at the École des Beaux-Arts under Léon Bonnat. He exhibited regularly at the Paris Salons and was integral to the murals in the Panthéon. Influenced by Édouard Vuillard and Pierre Bonnard of the Nabis group, Lebasque embraced their focus on intimate domestic scenes. By 1903, Lebasque befriended Henri Matisse and two years later their circle, Les Fauves, earned their moniker for their revolutionary and bold use of color. Critic Louis

Vauxcelles praised Lebasque's refined style as a unique presence amid their intensity. Though inspired by Fauvist flatness and color, Lebasque's work retained a distinctive subtlety and fluidity, evidenced here in this mesmerizing sun-lit landscape.

Today, Lebasque's work resides in prestigious institutions around the world, including the Musée d'Orsay in Paris, the National Museum of Western Art in Tokyo, the de Young in San Francisco, the Thyssen-Bornemisza Museum in Madrid and the Pushkin State Museum of Fine Arts in Moscow.



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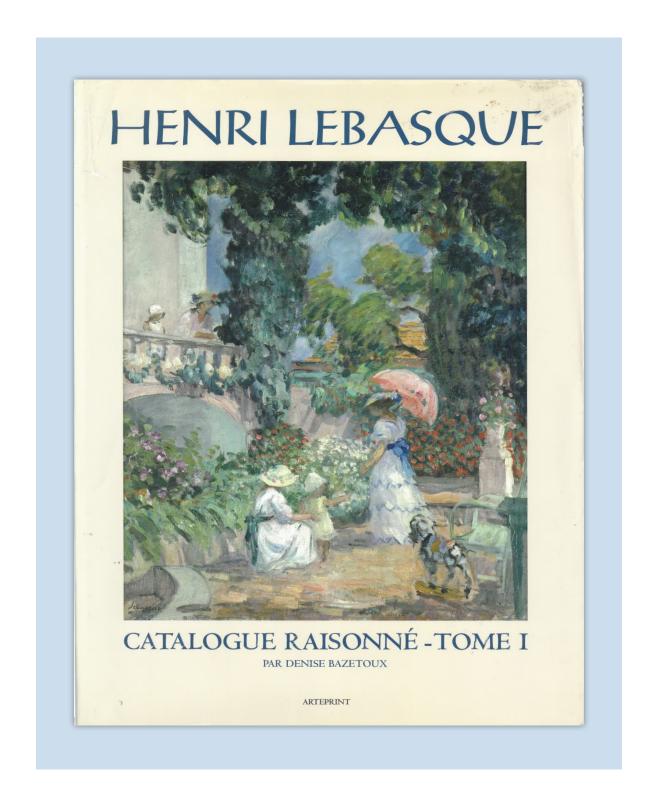
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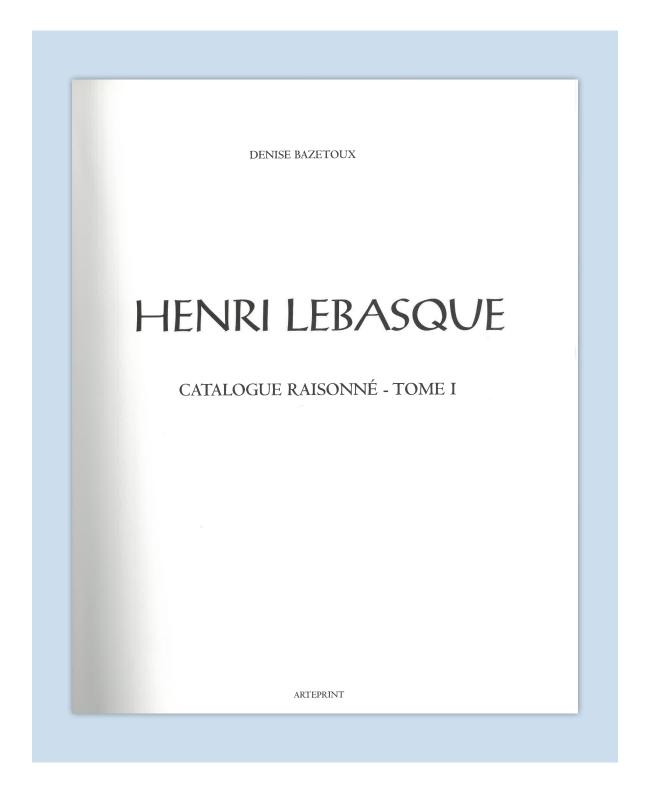
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86.– La petite route de Lagny à Chessy

Vers 1906. Huile sur toile. 61,5 × 51 cm. Signée en bas à droite.



87.— Paysage à la meule

Vers 1900. Huile sur toile. 55×45 cm. Signée et dédicacée : « Avec mes meilleurs vœux » en bas à droite. Collection particulière.



88.— Lagny, les moissonneurs

Vers 1899. Huile sur panneau de bois. 23.5×33 cm. Cachet d'atelier en bas à droite.

Musée Gatien-Bonnet, Lagny-sut-Marne.

Expositions: 1999-2000, Lagny, Musée Gatien-Bonnet,
« Néo-impressionnistes — Le groupe de Lagny »,
25 novembre-30 janvier. Itinérance: Musée du Petit-Palais,
Genève, 1^{et} mars-14 mai.

2002, Le Cannet, Espace Bonnard, « Henri Lebasque, la lumière retrouvée », Iª juin-Iª septembre, p. 6. 2002, Lagny, Hôtel de ville, « Henri Lebasque, un Post-impressionniste », 20 septembre-23 décembre, repr. cat. Bibliographie: 1999, Noël Coret, Autour des Néompressionnistes, le groupe de Lagny, Editions Somogy, Paris, repr. p. 144.



89.- Les moissonneurs aux environs de Lagny

Vers 1899-1900. Huile sur toile. 95 × 150 cm. Signée en bas à droite. Collection particulière. Provenance: Vente Ketterer, Hambourg, 28 octobre 2006. Vente Sotheby's, New-York, 9 mai 2007, n° 249. Exposition: Il est possible qu'il s'agisse du n° 776 de l'exposition de la Société Nationale des Beaux-Arts de 1903 sous le titre Les faucheurs.



90.— Les champs près d'un village, le matin

1900. Huile sur toile. 51,5 × 73 cm.
Signée et datée en bas à gauche.
Collection particulière.
Cliché photographique: Christie's, Londres.
Provenance: Alex Maguy, Paris. Vente Christie's, Londres,
3 décembre 1971, n° 216 et 3 décembre 1974, n° 50.



91.— Paysage avec une meule

1900. Huile sur toile. 54, 6 × 73,7 cm. Signée et datée en bas à droite. Collection particulière. Provenance: Collection Joan Weiner. Vente Christie's, New-York, 13 mai 1999, n° 166. Schiller and Bodo.

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AUCTION COMPARABLES



Henri Lebasque Pierrefonds, la promenade en forêt

oil on canvas Height 73 x Width 60.3 cm. Height 28.74 x Width 23.74 in. 1907 **07 November 2007** about 17 years ago Christie's New York

Impressionist And Modern Art Day Sale - [Lot 00384]

est. 300,000 - 400,000 USD

457,000 USD (P)

↑ 14% est



Henri Lebasque

Partie de Pêche

oil on canvas Height 73.5 x Width 91.8 cm. Height 28.937 x Width 36.142 in. 1907 **08 November 2006** about 18 years ago Sotheby's New York

Impressionist & Modern Art Day Sale - [Lot 00267]

est. 325,000 - 425,000 USD

374,400 USD P



Henri Lebasque

Jeunes femmes et fillettes dans un paysage oil on canvas Height 60.3 x Width 73 cm. Height 23.74 x Width 28.74 in. **09 February 2011** almost 14 years ago Sotheby's London

Impressionist & Modern Art Day Sale - [Lot 00138]

est. 50,000 - 70,000 GBP est. 80,437 - 112,612 USD **205,250** GBP (P)

330,196 USD 🕑

▲ 193% est



Henri Lebasque

1906

Enfants dans une prairie oil on canvas Height 54.1 x Width 65.5 cm. Height 21.299 x Width 25.787 in. 1906–1907 **07 February 2013** almost 12 years ago

Christie's London

Impressionist/Modern Day Sale - [Lot 00479]

est. 180,000 - 220,000 GBP

193,250 GBP (P)

est. 282,530 - 345,314 USD

303,327 USD P



Henri Lebasque

Les amandiers

oil on canvas

 $\label{eq:height 69.9 x Width 87 cm.} Height 27.52 x Width 34.252 in.$

13 May 1999 over 25 years ago Christie's New York

Impressionist & Nineteenth Century Art – [Lot 00180]

est. 120,000 - 160,000 USD

244,500 USD (P)



Henri Lebasque PAYSAGE AVEC UNE MEULE

oil on canvas

Height 54.6 x Width 73.9 cm. Height 21.496 x Width 29.094 in. 1900

05 February 2020 almost 5 years ago Sotheby's London

Impressionist & Modern Art Day Sale, - [Lot 00173]

est. 100,000 - 150,000 GBP est. 129,988 - 194,982 USD 187,500 GBP (P) 243,728 USD (P)

↑ 25% est



Henri Lebasque

Vendanges dans la vallée du Faron

oil on canvas Height 60 x Width 73 cm. Height 23.622 x Width 28.74 in. 1923

13 November 2021 about 3 years ago Christie's New York

Impressionist and Modern Art Day Sale - [Lot 00730]

est. 50,000 - 70,000 USD

237,500 USD (P)

↑ 239% est



Henri Lebasque

Enfant jouant au cerceau dans le jardin

oil on canvas Height 91.4 x Width 64.8 cm. Height 35.984 x Width 25.512 in. 1903

17 November 1998 about 26 years ago Sotheby's New York

Impressionist and Modern Art, Part II (lots 201-459) – [Lot 00292]

est. 100,000 - 150,000 USD

233,500 USD (P)

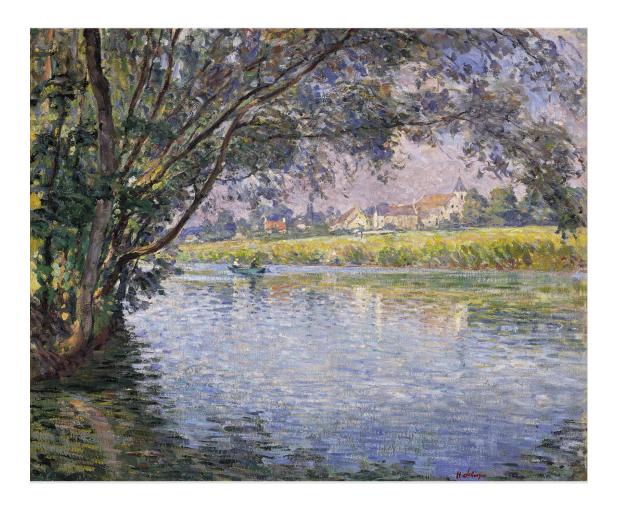
↑ 56% est

Henri Lebasque | Two Fishermen in a Boat on the Marn

1903

Medium: Oil on canvas

Dimensions: 23^{7/8} x 28^{3/4} inches | 60.5 x 73 cm



THYSSEN-BORNEMISZA MUSEO NACIONAL

Thyssen-Bornemisza Museum *Madrid, Spain*

Henri Lebasque | *Le bain des nymphes*

Circa 1865-1937

Medium: Oil on canvas

Dimensions: 40 x 51 inches | 102 x 129.4 cm





Musée d'Orsay Paris, France

Henri Lebasque | *Le goûter sur l'herbe*

1903

Medium: Oil on canvas

Dimensions: $48^{7/8} \times 55^{1/2}$ inches | 124 x 141 cm





Musée d'Orsay Paris, France



