Alfred von Schrötter, Portrait of a Pekingese, 1929



ARTIST
Alfred von Schrötter (1856–1935)

DATE
1929

PERIOD
Early 20th century

MEDIUM
Oil on canvas

ARTWORK DIMENSIONS
38 × 50 cm (14.96 × 19.69 in)

FRAMED DIMENSIONS
50 × 60 cm (19.69 × 23.62 in)

CONDITION
Very good condition.

A dark Pekingese sits before a blue-green ground. Its long coat softens its outline, leaving the eyes and short muzzle to anchor the portrait. The flat face is framed by a mass of darker hair that gives the Pekingese its characteristic lion-like appearance. Small changes in tone distinguish the eyes and nose even where they sit within the darkest passages of paint. The breed was long kept as a companion at the Chinese imperial court. Here it is the sole su…

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