



A Student of the École Polytechnique (Portrait of Armand Gérôme)

Date

1848

Primary Maker

Jean Léon Gérôme

Medium

Oil on canvas

Dimensions

50.2 × 43.8 cm

Description

An upholder of the academic tradition, Gérôme, as an official at the École des Beaux-Arts, threatened to resign if

the Caillebotte bequest of Impressionist paintings offered to the French State in 1894 was accepted. However, despite such protestations, 40 of the paintings were received, forming an important part of the Luxembourg's collection of Impressionist paintings. This head study, rendered with immensely tight brushstrokes by Gérôme, depicts the artist's brother Armand in his smart uniform of gold buttons and tricolour badge of the prestigious École Polytechnique. (JO'D) Head and shoulders of a young man (Armand Gérôme), his face turned slightly to the right. He wears the dark uniform of the Polytechnique with gold buttons.