



**19th & 20th Century Paintings and Works
on Paper, including Portrait Miniatures (30
Mar 2021 B)**

Tue, 30th Mar 2021

Lot 360

Estimate: £8000 - £12000 + Fees

FRANCOIS BRUNERY (ITALIAN 1849-1926)

Property from an English Private Collection

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A challenging passage

signed *F. Brunery* (lower right)

oil on canvas

61 x 51 cm (24 x 20 in)

PROVENANCE:

Sale, Christie's, London, 21 March 1997, lot 17

Haynes Fine Art, Broadway

Purchased from the above by the present owner in April 2001

In the present work Brunery situates his lute playing 'cavaliers' in a Dutch seventeenth century interior. By referencing the Dutch Golden Age, Brunery aligns himself with such Old Master maestros as Gerard ter Borsh and Frans van Mieris, to serve up a feast of colours, textures and designs. Clad in billowing velvet knickerbockers, ornately brocaded doublet and sporting the most intricate lace ruffs, the men's lush and highly ornamented costumes contrast with the hand-woven deep pile oriental carpet that covers the table, and the hard glazed surfaces of the adjacent drinking vessels, allowing the artist the opportunity to show off his painterly virtuosity.

See introduction under to lot 358.