



Study for Pierrot the Politician

Date

ca. 1857

Primary Maker

Thomas Couture

Medium

Oil on canvas

Description

This is a very small oil on canvas painting. It features two men wearing costumes of a Pierrot and a Harlequin for a masked ball, who are talking about politics in the newspaper. The two figures are seated in a room, one in white, the other in bright colors. The one in bright colors wearing the costume of the harlequin, a geometric pattern in brightly colored triangles, stands out against the colorless room and the figure in white opposite him. The harlequin has his back to the viewer. The other figure has short hair and is in the white costume of a Pierrot; his profile is to the viewer, lit cigar in right hand. There are three glass bottles with various liquids on the right side of the canvas.

Dimensions

7 x 9 in. (17.8 x 22.9 cm) Overall, Frame: 13 1/2 x 15 x 2 1/2 in. (34.3 x 38.1 x 6.4 cm)