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**Conversation at the Fountain**

Circa: 1883

92.5 x 69 cm

36.4173228346457 x 36.4173228346457"

1883

Oil on canvas

92.5 x 69 cm (36<sup>3</sup>/<sub>8</sub> x 27<sup>1</sup>/<sub>8</sub> inches)

Signed and dated lower left: Friedrich Bodenmüller 1883, Munich

Oil on canvas

Beige-brown frame

Bodenmüller served as an officer in the Franco-Prussian War of 1870–1871 and subsequently created paintings related to the war, including Street Fighting in Versailles, Episodes from the Battle of Sedan, and Bavarian Troops at the Battle of Wörth. Other panels by Bodenmüller feature fantastical-allegorical motifs, such as Fantasies for Beethoven's C-sharp Minor Sonata.

**Literature:**

Hugo Arnold, From Germany's Glorious Days 1870/71, 20 copper etchings after the originals by Franz Adam, Hanfstaengel, Munich 1895 (after Friedrich Bodenmüller)