

RALPH GIERHARDS

ANTIQUES / FINE ART



Boats at the quay

46 x 55 cm

1' 6¹/₁₁" x 1' 9⁵/₁₁"

Oil on canvas

46 x 55 cm

Signed lower left: 'H. Epstein'

Henri Epstein (1892 - 1944)

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With strongly expressionistic brushstrokes, Henri Epstein depicts a harbour scene in this painting that brings the everyday life of fishermen to life. In the foreground, a figure with a large net over his shoulder walks towards one of the boats in the middle ground of the picture. Directly at the water's edge, dressed in yellow clothing similar to a Friesennerz raincoat, another person can be seen, dedicated to the hard work on the water. Epstein's colourful treatment of the subject with expressive brushstrokes makes the coastal scene shine like a sea of colours and immediately immerses the viewer in the maritime world of the fishermen.

Literature:

Rainer Zimmermann: Expressiver Realismus: Malerei der verschollenen Generation. Hirmer, Berlin
1994