







Luigi Querena (1820 - 1887)

Gondolas and boats on the Molo, looking West towards Santa Maria Della Salute

Signed and dated, lower right: Luigi Querena 1871

Oil on canvas

9¼ x 21% in - 23.5 x 54.9 cm

Frame size

14 x 261/2 in - 35.6 x 67.3 cm

Artist description:

Luigi Querena was born in Venice in 1824, son of the history painter Lattanzio Querena (1768-1853) and brother-in-law to the painter Antonio Rotta (1828-1903).

Querena enrolled at the Academy of Fine Arts in Venice at the age of 12, studying under Federico Moja (1802-1885), a painter of architectural subjects and Venetian vedute works. Querena followed in his footsteps, developing as a painter of Venetian views and being compared with Canaletto (1697-1768).

He joined the 1848 uprising against Austrian rule and portrayed Venetian resistance in a series of 8 works.

He exhibited regularly at the Venetian Academy becoming an honorary member in 1857, also exhibiting in Genoa, Milan, Naples and Turin.