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"Oranan" Portrait of Algerian Girl

Charles Cluytmans

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ABOUT

A striking portrait of a girl in traditional North African dress, depicted with finely modeled features, symbolic tattoos, and layered jewelry. The composition, conceived to be displayed on the diagonal, emphasizes the sitter's tranquil, inward gaze and the geometries of her headdress. The vivid palette—ochres, reds, and greens—contrasts with the subtle modeling of flesh tones and the careful detailing of embroidered fabric and beadwork. Signed, titled, and dated in the right: "Ch. Clvytmans, Oranan, 1916."

The painting is signed and dated by Charles Cluytmans, a little-documented artist active in colonial Algeria during the early 20th century. The inscription "Oranan" refers to the city of Oran, then part of French Algeria, known for its rich cultural interplay and ethnographic interest during the Orientalist period.

ITEM DETAILS

Reference: #PA236

CREATOR	PERIOD / DATE	PLACE OF ORIGIN

Charles Cluytmans

Late 19th Century

Europe (Orientalist – Algeria)

DIMENSIONS

H 40 cm x W 40 cm x D 4.5 cm x Dia 55 cm

MATERIALS & TECHNIQUES

Oil on Canvas

CONDITION

Excellent