

SOPHIE HENCK

1822-1893

44. *Bouquet of Flowers in Greek Vase*

(*Brogede blomster i græsk vase*)

Oil on canvas, 16¼ x 12½ in. (41 x 32 cm)

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In 1868, Sophie Henck exhibited a painting in the Charlottenborg exhibition entitled *En Vase med Blomster* (no. 80), (*A Vase of Flowers*). As her oeuvre was small, it may well be that this is the same picture. It depicts a bouquet in a classical vase, with a compact and strict pyramidal, indeed even conical composition. It is reminiscent of the bouquets painted in the 1840's by Sophie Henck's teacher, J.L. Jensen, but is even more compact and more round than his, and quite obviously the creation of a different temperament. The pyramidal shape harks back to Dutch flower painting, but in all its diversity it radiates peace rather than splendour.

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*The following flowers are seen in the painting:*

FROM TOP TO BOTTOM: *Ribes sanguineum*, "flowering currant"; *Delphinium hybrida*, "Delphinium"; *Convallaria majalis*, "Lily-of-the-valley"; *Convolvulus tricolor*, "Bindweed"; *Rosa*, "Rose"; *Coreopsis sepc.*, "Tickseed"; *Primula hybrida*, "Auricula"; *Viola hybrida*, "Violet"; "Pansy"; *Myosotis palustris*, "Forget-me-not"; *Tropaeolum majus*, "Nasturtium."

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