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(1654 - 1708)

Monkeys playing in a still life

16.4 x 21 1/2 x 15 1/2 inches (41.6 x 39.4 cm)

Oil on copper

17th century

This painting depicts a lively still anecdotal scene. The composition is vegetables and precious objects are this orderly arrangement.

In the centre, a monkey sits on the contributing to the chaos. Behind hi melon, peaches and artichokes, arra overturned porcelain bowl spills o emphasising the sense of movement a grapes, cut fruit and scattered leav life that has suddenly come to life.

On the right, a second monkey appea

introducing a narrative and almost l
strongly highlights the warm colours
well as the muted greens of the foli
life painting.