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JAN-BAPTIST LUST

*Still Life with a Lobster*

75.5 x 94.0 x 3.5 cm (29.7 x 37.0 x 0.14 in)

Oil on panel

17th century

At the centre of the scene, a bright  
skilfully draped white tablecloth. To  
dish filled with grapes and oysters  
container and other citrus fruits can

The treatment of light, concentrated

objects and sets them sharply against a chiaroscuro lends the composition a meditative, characteristic of still life of the fleeting nature of earthly pleasures.

Dr Fred Meijer confirms the painting attributed exclusively to Jan-Baptist, previously been suggested (see Sothe

Several painters bearing the name significantly. The work presented here as Davidsz. de Heem as well as with this is consistent with archival records: Saint Luke in Antwerp in 1649-1650 small painting mentioned earlier record Davidsz. de Heem.

## **PROVENANCE**

Sotheby's, Milan, 9.6.2009, lot 44 (a

Private collection, Italy

## **ARTIST DESCRIPTION:**

Lust was admitted to the Guild of St