

The Poultry Store

Petrus Van Schendel



1834
Oil on Board
52 x 41cm

Petrus van Schendel (1806-1870) was a Dutch-Belgian genre painter in the Romantic style who specialised in night time scenes, lit by lamps or candles. This led to him being known as "Monsieur Chandelle".

He made a name as a portrait painter and moved frequently, living in Breda (1828-1829), Amsterdam (1830-1832), Rotterdam (1832-1838), and The Hague (1838-1845). He was a regular participant in the Exhibition of Living Masters and the various "Triennial Salons" of Antwerp, Brussels and Ghent. In 1834, he was named a member of the Royal Academy of Fine Arts in Amsterdam.

The Dutch artists and collector's at that time preferred works that portrayed their new national pride through landscape, townscape, seascape and depictions of everyday Dutch life of which Poultry Store, painted in 1834, is a good example.