



## Biography

Jean-François VERHAS, called Jan

Born in Termonde, Jean-François Verhas is the son of Emmanuel Verhas, painter and engraver. First of all pupil of his father, he studies then at the Academy of Antwerp beside Keyser and Verschouren, and then at the Academy of Brussels, between 1853 and 1860.

He leaves to Paris in 1860, when he is rewarded for the Prize of Rome. He stays in Italy from 1862 till 1867. In 1863, he executes two orders for the Belgian government " Velleda " and " The battle of Callo ". On returning to Brussels, the painter executes historic paintings and scenes of genre, and then from 1882 dedicates himself to the marine. He realizes ornamental paintings for the City hall of Shaerbeeck, as well as numerous portraits of the political, diplomatic and artistic world.

He is especially known for his children's paintings of the Belgian bourgeoisie, which bring him a big fame.

In the Salon of Paris in 1881, Verhas obtains a second-class medal and during the World Fair of 1889, he gains a golden medal. Officier of the order of Léopold, he is made chevalier of the Legion of Honour in 1881.

His works are in numerous museums in Belgium and abroad, as well as in the collections of the King. He is considered as the founder of the School of Dendermonde.

## Museums

Anvers

Bruxelles

Gand

Liège

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