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Victor Forssell, River Landscape With Cottages - Antique Oil Painting

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA1003719****Date of manufacture: 1870**

Dimensions

Height = 55 cm (21.7")

Width = 77 cm (30.3")

Depth = 7 cm (2.8")

Description

This spirited 19th-century oil painting by Swedish artist Victor Forssell (1846-1931) depicts a river landscape with cottages and figure. Painted in 1873, this sublime piece typifies the majestic handling of a celebrated artist with the world at his feet. Forssell was just 27 and already recognised by his peers as a prodigy. In a letter to the artist Carl Larsson, AM Lindström proclaimed that he 'had not yet seen any landscape here that could be compared to his.' Amid this torrent of praise, Forssell spent numerous summers working alongside his close friend Per Ekström (1844-1935). The duo lived in a gazebo near Sickla, Stockholm - maintaining a quiet, reclusive lifestyle, and it's likely that he painted this view close to his Summer retreat. There's a sense of underlying joy to the shimmering tones and sinuous foliage, yet one also feels a sense of deliberate bravura - was Ekström peering over his shoulder? Or sitting nearby, sketching the foliage? Were the two competitive? A few years later, Forssell travelled to Düsseldorf, Paris, Brussels, London and Antwerp. And by 1887, he'd been elected a full member of the Royal Swedish Academy. Signed/dated lower right and h...

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