

**SA1003720**

## Heywood Hardy ARWS (Attributed), Study Of A Rider In The Snow - Antique Oil Painting

Price

**Sold****Item Reference: SA1003720****Date of manufacture: 1870**

### Dimensions

Height = 36 cm (14.2")

Width = 55 cm (21.7")

Depth = 2 cm (0.8")

## Description

This 19th-century oil study attributed to British artist Heywood Hardy ARWS (1842-1933) depicts a horseback rider in the snow. With gritty determination, the resilient power of an exhausted horse carries its rider onwards. He leans forward, clutching the reins, hunched into a battered overcoat, grizzled by the elements. While beyond, the final embers of a setting sun fall across a dystopian vision. Is he close to home? Did he make it to a welcoming fire? It's a robust study by Hardy who was regarded as one of the finest animal painters of his generation. He's exploring movement, the interaction of hooves through snow, the silhouetted effects, and the ominous figure of a howling dog. It's unclear whether he produced a finished version of this piece but the horse and rider bear some resemblance to those in 'Duty' from 1880. Possible signature in the lower right. Held within a later gilt frame. Medium: Oil on canvas Overall size: 21½" x 14" / 55cm x 36cm Year of creation: c. 1875 Condition: Artwork presents well. Craquelure but the paint is stable. Artist's auction maximum: £95,000 Heywood Hardy was a highly regarded British painter of animals and equestrian subjects. ...

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