

SA1007351

Viggo Pedersen, Sheep Shearing - Antique Oil Painting

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA1007351****Date of manufacture: 1880**

Dimensions

Height = 76 cm (29.9")

Width = 109 cm (42.9")

Depth = 7 cm (2.8")

Description

This splendid late 19th-century oil painting by Danish artist Viggo Pedersen (1854-1926) depicts three figures shearing a sheep in a slatted barrel. Working in a woodland clearing, they grapple with its feisty limbs while several others look on - patiently waiting their turn. In the lower right, a lamb suckles its mother alongside a felled tree. Pedersen has captured the scene perfectly - from the hunched trio wrestling with the unwilling participant to the complexity of light with its graduated brightness. It's a fascinating work and represents an important juncture in Pedersen's ever-evolving approach. Seven years prior, he'd completed his academic education - a formal affair whereby much of his training was based upon traditional ideologies. Students copied statues, studied the old masters, and were often taught to look back rather than forward. But here, we see a modern influence and a looser touch with an emphasis on painting from life - 'en plein air'. How does one convey such energetic movement when working slowly within the confines of a studio? A year earlier, he'd visited Italy with close friend Joakim Skovgaard (1856 -1933) and his experiences of the Medite...

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