

SA1012703

Benjamin Williams Leader RA, On the Llugwy, Wales - Antique Oil Painting

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA1012703****Date of manufacture: 1890**

Dimensions

Height = 77 cm (30.3")

Width = 108 cm (42.5")

Depth = 7 cm (2.8")

Description

This exquisite 19th-century oil painting by eminent British artist Benjamin Williams Leader (1831-1923) depicts a scenic view on the River Llugwy. Breathe it in, the gentle environs of North Wales captured by a master of the British countryside. Leader adored life on the Llugwy, returning time and time again, fascinated by the light and fusion of the elements. It's all here, shimmering waters, imposing peaks, and boundless skies brimming with cloud effects. His attention to detail was borne from an obsession to capture nature truthfully. With meticulous handling, he'd work tirelessly, at times taking vast canvases outdoors to study from life. He also produced numerous sketches ahead of finished works. Wherever you rest your eyes, there's joy. The deftly rendered figures, the gentle hint of smoke rising from the partially hidden cottage, the illuminated hay cart in the distance, and the diagonal line of trees. The composition is also masterly. We're given a clear division. Go left, there's activity, figures, trees clinging to a bank, and a hazy undulant horizon. Go right, and there's the gradual darkening of foliage, a cottage and a peak. 1879 was a particularly busy y...

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