

SA1017627

Wenzel Tornøe, Rubina From Capri - Antique Oil Painting

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA1017627****Date of manufacture: 1870**

Dimensions

Height = 54 cm (21.3")

Width = 44 cm (17.3")

Depth = 5 cm (2.0")

Description

This fine late 19th-century portrait by Danish artist Wenzel Tornøe (1844-1907) depicts 'Rubina', a young Caprese woman. In 1873, Tornøe had the world at his feet and headed to Italy to further his development. He'd completed his formal education at the Royal Academy of Fine Arts, winning a medal, and had already begun exhibiting at the prestigious Charlottenborg Spring Exhibitions. Rome was a focal point, its colourful streets, interiors and outfits illuminated deftly by his brush. He was an exceptional colourist and flourished under the radiant Mediterranean skies. Towards the end of his stay, he ventured to the picturesque island of Capri, a jewel of Southern Italy. And it's here that he painted Rubina. How they met is a mystery but the portrayal is electrifying. It's sensitive, captivating, and enigmatic. Her eyes are cast downwards, there's a shyness, yet it's offset by the hint of a smile. Her yellow headscarf rendered sublimely including its textured surface. She's alive with chiaroscuro and channelling the great Renaissance masters. The portrait was shown at Charlottenborg Palace in 1971. Monogrammed, inscribed 'Capri 1873' and held within a gilt frame. Mediu...

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