

SA1023398

Owen Bowen ROI, River Landscape With Figure - Antique Oil Painting

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA1023398****Date of manufacture: 1890**

Dimensions

Height = 67 cm (26.4")

Width = 102 cm (40.2")

Depth = 6 cm (2.4")

Description

This late 19th-century oil painting by British artist Owen Bowen ROI (1873-1967) depicts a wintery river landscape. Brilliant light rushes against the complexity of brooding storm clouds. Illuminating the sullen river akin to fervently polished silver. The effects are bewitching. Nature immortalised in a transient state, caught between contrasting moods. Across the grassy banks, the foliage leans. Buckled by the irrepressible hand of the desolate months. It's a leafless patchwork of rugged tones. Enlivened by the radiance of a halogen sky. This is Bowen at his finest and the composition is masterful. Note the track, which ambles vertically - punctuated by a figure and culminating in a church. And the solitary tree, rising above the horizon, battered by the elements, yet standing nonetheless. Here, the artist reveals beauty amid a landscape transformed by winter. The spindly woods, the churned earth, the cutting chill. There's resilience here, a message perhaps. Bowen was 20 when he produced this. A precocious talent, he'd already opened a gallery in Leeds and began exhibiting at the Royal Academy a year previous. Signed/dated lower left and held within a gilt frame....

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