

SA1023400

Fabio Cipolla, The Courtship - Antique Oil Painting

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA1023400****Date of manufacture: 1900**

Dimensions

Height = 69 cm (27.2")

Width = 51 cm (20.1")

Depth = 5 cm (2.0")

Description

This late 19th-century oil painting by Italian artist Fabio Cipolla (1854-1935) depicts a young courting couple dressed in 18th-century attire within a palatial interior setting. Our hero, wearing black, sits perched upon an ostentatious loveseat. His hand in hers, he gazes somewhat forlornly towards her porcelain skin. Flowers adorn the room. A conspicuous bouquet emerges from a blue vase, while a gilt screen is decorated with Rococo embellishments. Cipolla was a master of 'costume painting' whereby he'd look back towards an exceedingly romantic time when aristocratic frivolity was deemed the height of good taste. He imbued each piece with theatre, as if we're looking through a window towards a misty-eyed vision. His patrons adored such playful scenes - not only for their aesthetic but also their deeper symbolism. For instance, here we see the use of a fan to convey a secret message, which could only be read by those who'd studied its connotations. Such was the excitement about fans that Parisian fanmaker, Duvelleroy, published a guide for the uninitiated. A few of its numerous explanations include: Twirling in the left hand - We are watched. Presented shut - Do you...

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