

SA1026961

Nils Kjellberg, The Sower - Antique Oil Painting

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA1026961****Date of manufacture: 1910**

Dimensions

Height = 65 cm (25.6")

Width = 53 cm (20.9")

Depth = 4 cm (1.6")

Description

This early 20th-century post-impressionist oil painting by Swedish artist Nils Kjellberg (1871-1938) depicts a field worker sowing the land. It's inspired by Jean-François Millet's work of the same name. Clutching handfuls of seeds he marches through a field under the glow of early morning. While beyond, a powerful horse drags a plough. It's a poignant vision of rural determination with the composition glorifying the central figure in oversized proportions. Millet's original was similar yet noticeably different. For example, Millet placed the plough in the top right, whereas here it's on the left. Kjellberg also removed the swirl of crows. And the figure itself has different features. It's interesting that Kjellberg painted this following the outbreak of World War I as the headwear feels akin to a military-style helmet. Note the strap under his chin, which is not present in Millet's version. The moustache, too, is a new addition. Sweden remained neutral during the war but Kjellberg would've been all too aware of the developments in Europe. The earth feels barren and desolate, what is actually being sown here? Vincent van Gogh also produced an homage to The Sower but e...

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