

SA1026967

Herbert Johnson Harvey, The Whisper, Self-Portrait - Antique Pastel

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA1026967****Date of manufacture: 1920**

Dimensions

Height = 83 cm (32.7")

Width = 65 cm (25.6")

Depth = 5 cm (2.0")

Description

This early 20th-century pastel by Herbert Johnson Harvey (1884-1928) depicts the artist dressed in traditional peasant clothing while surreptitiously whispering. Harvey carried an admiration for the old masters, which was instilled by his father, the artist John Rabone Harvey. His works are steeped in traditional patterns and iconography. Here, we see one of several self-portraits he undertook which portray him akin to a 17th-century Dutch peasant. Its earthy tones and honest handling remind us of Rembrandt and Adriaen van Ostade. It's an engaging piece with the whisper aimed in our direction. He's gossiping and we're involved. Could it be a bawdy tale best kept within the confines of a tavern? Following his father's early tuition, Harvey enrolled at the Royal College of Art in London and then travelled to Italy to surround himself with works by the Renaissance luminaries. A similar self-portrait is held in the collection at Birmingham Museum. Signed in the lower right and held within a gilt frame. Medium: Pastel on paper. Overall size: 25½" x 32½" / 65cm x 83cm Year of creation: c. 1920 Labels & Inscriptions: Conservator's label on reverse. Provenance: Private coll...

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