

SA1030737

Eugene Accard, The Charmer - Antique Oil Painting

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA1030737****Date of manufacture: 1850**

Dimensions

Height = 42 cm (16.5")

Width = 36 cm (14.2")

Depth = 5 cm (2.0")

Description

This exquisite mid-19th-century oil painting by French artist Eugene Accard (1824-1888) depicts two gentlemen dressed in 18th-century attire courting a seated lady within a fine Rococo interior. Fawning liberally, he leans towards her with a bow, seeking approval, searching for trivial acknowledgements. She listens, avoids eye contact, and holds a fan to her left cheek. Another suitor waits his turn. Accard 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 misty-eyed nostalgia. 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 love me? Drawing across forehead - You have changed...

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