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Hermann Hartwich, Palace Interior - Antique Oil Painting

Price

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Item Reference: SA1037723

Date of manufacture: 1880

Dimensions

Height = 63 cm (24.8")

Width = 71 cm (28.0")

Depth = 5 cm (2.0")

Description

This late 19th-century oil painting by American-German artist Hermann Hartwich (1853-1926) depicts the interior of a palace. Born in New York, Herman Hartwich was the son of renowned German landscape painter George Gunther 'Hartwick'. At the age of 35, he moved to Munich to further his studies and soon forged an impressive career. In 1880, he produced an oil painting of Prince Regent Luitpold's Palace, Schleissheim, which is now in the Smithsonian American Art Museum, and it's plausible that our painting depicts the same. How he came to paint such an ostentatious building is a mystery as he's not at all known for interiors. But it's interesting to note that Prince Luitpold acquired one of his landscapes, so the two were acquainted. As an American painter in Munich, he was something of a novelty, with German writer Michael Georg Conrad explaining that "he stands above the nervous passions of our world view. He has that calm, relaxed manner that doesn't look into the past, takes the present coolly and sees the best of the future." Perhaps his position as an outsider was a factor in Prince Luitpold's interest. An inscription on the reverse may reveal the title of this wo...

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