

SA1062576

Karl Heffner, Flood Time - Antique Oil Painting

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA1062576****Date of manufacture: 1900**

Dimensions

Height = 52 cm (20.5")

Width = 59 cm (23.2")

Depth = 9 cm (3.5")

Description

This beautiful early 20th-century oil painting by German artist Karl Heffner (1849-1925) depicts a flooded river under a pensive sky. The turbulent British weather with its electrifying mood swings, rapid showers and unpredictability has often been the butt of numerous jokes by those sheltering in warmer abodes. Much like its inhabitants, the no-nonsense climate bustles with eccentricity - the damp chill of an October morning morphs into a radiant mid-afternoon and concludes with thunder. European artists have traditionally tended to avoid it, preferring instead the promise of brighter, less erratic, environs on the continent. Pitching their easels in France, Germany, and Italy in a fervent light-obsessed pilgrimage. But Karl Heffner was altogether different, rather than join his artistic brethren, he crossed the Channel to tackle the wilds of the English countryside. He'd travelled previously, including to Rome, but did so during the Winter when the conditions were less than stereotypical. Blue skies were absent from his vocabulary, they lacked drama, mood, and melancholy-tipped tonality. His palette was low-key, grey, earthy, with strips of glistening gold reserved f...

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