

SA1063460

John Varley OWS (Attributed), Italianate Landscape With Figures - Antique Watercolour

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA1063460****Date of manufacture: 19th Century**

Dimensions

Height = 39 cm (15.4")

Width = 43 cm (16.9")

Depth = 2 cm (0.8")

Description

This charming early 19th-century watercolour attributed to English artist John Varley OWS (1778-1842) depicts an Italianate vista with trees, distant town, and figures. Varley was an energetic watercolourist, astrologer, and close friend of the romantic poet, William Blake. Celebrated by many of his peers, he made a significant contribution to the evolution of early 19th-century watercolour painting. He trained initially as a silversmith before pursuing an artistic education at Joseph Charles Barrow's sketching school. Enamoured with the potential of the enthusiastic young man, Barrow took him on a tour of Peterborough where he produced a fine drawing of the cathedral. It was subsequently shown at the Royal Academy and met with much acclaim. He had a particular skill for flat washes of colour, which conveyed a tranquil, thought-provoking solemnity. Inspired by the masters of landscape, such as Claude Lorrain and the Poussins, he sought to elevate his views above mere topographical representations. Seeking to elicit a feeling of the heart rather than an observation of the mind. His early works were generally drawn 'on the spot' with fresh transparent tints. Lazy sunset...

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