

SA1066326

Hermann Schmiechen, Portrait Of A Girl With A Straw Hat - Antique Oil Painting

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA1066326****Date of manufacture: 1890**

Dimensions

Height = 102 cm (40.2")

Width = 83 cm (32.7")

Depth = 5 cm (2.0")

Description

This late 19th-century oil painting by German artist Hermann Schmiechen (1855-1923) depicts a girl wearing a white dress with blue sash and large wide-brimmed straw hat. Schmiechen was a distinguished painter of portraits, figures and landscapes. Born in Neumarkt, Prussian Silesia, his early tuition was undertaken at the Royal Academy in Breslau under the astute guidance of Albrecht Bräuer, before he enrolled at the Düsseldorf Art Academy, studying under Eduard von Gebhardt and Julius Roeting. This was followed by further studies at the illustrious Académie Julian in Paris. With such a cornucopia of academic nous, the young painter was destined for a fruitful career. In 1878, he produced his first portrait of significance - a sensitive rendering of the dramatic soprano, Lillian Nordica. With her left hand clutched to her heart, her gentle expression is reminiscent of a doting mother looking upon a child. It's sincere, gracious, and affectionate. Schmiechen was now recognised as an artist of note and numerous patrons clamoured for his attention. In 1883, quite a year, he travelled to London at the behest of Queen Victoria to produce portraits for the aristocracy. These ...

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