

SA1069340

James Edward Meadows, Rural Scene With Cottage - Antique Oil Painting

Price

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Item Reference: SA1069340

Date of manufacture: 1870

Dimensions

Height = 45 cm (17.7")

Width = 55 cm (21.7")

Depth = 5 cm (2.0")

Description

This mid to late 19th-century oil painting by British artist James Edward Meadows (1828-1888) depicts a charming countryside scene with a cottage and figures. Amid the exponentially increasing pace of bustling Victorian life, Meadows delivered an idealised view of a land he treasured. A rural idyll illuminated by pockets of picturesque light. Where buoyant trees are rooted in the radiance of summer and harmonious clouds swell across a patchwork of hedgerows. Life was rosy for his ambling shepherds as they guided their flocks to verdant pasture. His landscapes offered an escape, a welcome vignette of the English countryside, cherished by his patrons. And although they each represented a specific view, they were, in a sense, homogenised for overall aesthetic effect. In many ways, his compositions are reminiscent of some of the Dutch painters of the 17th century but with an added, somewhat intangible, layer of charm. In 1854, at the age of 26, he debuted at the hallowed Royal Academy with views of Devon and Kent. And before long, he'd developed a solid reputation for his beautified depictions of the home counties and beyond. Oils were also shown at the British Institute, ...

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