

SA1070456

Carsten Henrichsen, Summer Landscape With Figure Harvesting Peat - Antique Oil Painting

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA1070456****Date of manufacture: 1870**

Dimensions

Height = 65 cm (25.6")

Width = 84 cm (33.1")

Depth = 5 cm (2.0")

Description

This mid-19th-century oil painting by Danish artist Carsten Henrichsen (1824-1897) depicts a figure extracting peat before a picturesque summer landscape. Born the son of an innkeeper, Henrichsen's artistic prospects were limited, as undertaking formal tuition was a costly affair. However, fortunately, the distinguished Danish master, Frederik Christian Kiærskou, (1805-1891) noticed the boy's potential and encouraged him to seek funding from willing patrons. It's not clear how he knew Kiærskou but it's tempting to consider whether he frequented his father's inn. Academic patronage was forthcoming from various sources including 'Baron Løvenskjold' and in 1840, he enrolled at the Royal Danish Academy of Fine Arts. The emphasis at the Academy was on honing one's drawing skills, particularly in figure work, and it's here that he excelled. It's said that he initially pursued a career as a figure painter but soon switched to landscapes for financial reasons. He enjoyed exploring the rural areas around Copenhagen and also the rolling vistas of North Zealand. In a detailed style similar to Kiærskou's, he captured the topographical minutiae with careful observation. His works c...

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