

SA1074751

Benjamin Williams Leader RA, On the Artro, Llanbedr, North Wales - Antique Oil Painting

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA1074751****Date of manufacture: 1890**

Dimensions

Height = 67 cm (26.4")

Width = 57 cm (22.4")

Depth = 7 cm (2.8")

Description

This charming late 19th-century oil painting by British artist Benjamin Williams Leader RA (1831-1923) depicts the scenic River Artro in Llanbedr, North Wales. One of the foremost landscape painters of his generation, Leader possessed an extraordinary ability to capture nature in all her nuanced moods. An avid proponent of British naturalism, much like Constable before him, he carried a zeal to reflect a view truthfully without embellishment or idealisation. His father, a friend of John Constable's, encouraged him to work outside. And it was this early interest in naturalism that resulted in an advanced understanding of light, weather, and colouring. His larger finished works are akin to standing within nature itself as if he could capture the very essence of the natural world. Here, in this picturesque study from around 1895, he's pitched an easel by the resplendent River Artro and described a tranquil view with stepping stones, birch trees, and figures. His friend, and occasional travelling companion, David Bates (1840-1921), stood in a similar position for his larger piece by the same name. As a study, it provides insight into Leader's thought process as he contemplates...

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