

SA1080510

Late 18th Century Dutch / Northern European Flower Still Life on Oak Panel

Price

GBP 1,095

| USD \$1,482 | EUR 1,281

Item Reference: SA1080510

Date of manufacture: 1800

Dimensions

Height = 43 cm (16.9")

Width = 38 cm (15.0")

Description

A highly decorative late 18th-century Dutch or Northern European School flower still life, oil on chamfered oak panel, depicting a loose arrangement of garden flowers set against a dark ground. The composition follows the Dutch still-life tradition, but with a softer and more naturalised late 18th-century sensibility. Rather than presenting flowers as a formal display of wealth or costly exotic novelties, the bouquet has a freer, more domestic character. Foxgloves appear among classic garden favourites, arranged in a sweeping, asymmetrical design, with the blooms spilling slightly outward rather than being tightly contained. This looser, lightly wild manner of arrangement reflects the changing taste of the mid-to-late 18th century, when influential design and flower-arranging guides in Britain and Europe increasingly advised that flowers in the home — and by extension in painted still lifes — should appear more natural, informal, and gracefully unforced. The lack of expensive luxury objects, rare novelties, shells, silver, porcelain or overt symbols of display also supports a later 18th-century interpretation. The painting feels less concerned with the grand status lang...

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