

SA1087876

Italianate River Landscape with Pastoral Figures, Circle of Richard Wilson

Price

GBP 1,450

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Item Reference: SA1087876

Date of manufacture: 1800

Dimensions

Height = 59 cm (23.2")

Width = 55 cm (21.7")

Description

Italianate River Landscape with Figures and Waterfall Oil on canvas, late 18th century A refined late 18th-century Italianate landscape, painted in the classical tradition of Richard Wilson, widely regarded as the father of British landscape painting. The composition follows the established Wilsonian formula: a dark, wooded foreground framing a luminous, expansive middle distance, opening into softly receding hills beneath a tranquil sky. A small waterfall cascades between rocky outcrops in the foreground, providing both movement and structure, while beyond, a peaceful pastoral scene unfolds with figures, livestock, and a horse-drawn cart travelling through the landscape. The handling of light is particularly effective, with warm earth tones in the foreground giving way to cooler greens and blues in the distance, creating a convincing sense of depth and atmosphere. The trees, arranged as framing devices on either side, echo the compositional strategies derived from the work of Claude Lorrain, whose influence Wilson famously absorbed during his time in Italy. The figures, though secondary, add narrative interest and scale, reinforcing the idealised, Arcadian character ...

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