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Frants Henningsen, Study For 'The Harvesters' - Antique Oil Painting

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA1101787****Date of manufacture: 1890**

Dimensions

Height = 43 cm (16.9")

Width = 60 cm (23.6")

Depth = 3 cm (1.2")

Description

This late 19th-century oil painting by Danish artist Frants Henningsen (1850-1908) depicts a bonneted girl riding a horse-drawn carriage in a landscape. It's a preliminary study for his larger, more comprehensive work, titled 'The Harvesters' or 'Høst'. Henningsen was an accomplished painter of scenes, interiors and landscapes. Here, under the buoyant rays of the midday sun, the artist has applied himself expertly to capture the nuances of this delicate image. Note the wheel rims, which are partially illuminated via light falling through the slats. And the subtle tonal adjustments to accurately render the girl's bonnet, top and skirt. It's almost certainly painted from life. There are two known versions of the finished piece, one smaller than the other, but with identical compositions. Both feature additional figures including (presumably) the girl's father, who sits on her right and a field hand standing ahead of them. It's fascinating to gain insight into Henningsen's thought process as he worked up this elegant little study. He painted numerous scenes featuring members of the farming community and approached each of them with a blend of superior training. He initia...

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