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Arthur Croft Mitchell, The Mandolin Player - Antrique Oil Painting

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA1117612****Date of manufacture: 1910**

Dimensions

Height = 70 cm (27.6")

Width = 60 cm (23.6")

Depth = 4 cm (1.6")

Description

This exquisite early 20th-century oil painting by English artist Arthur Croft Mitchell (1872-1956) depicts an interior with two women, one seated, the other holding a mandolin. It was shown at the East Sussex Arts Club in June 1913. Draped in luxurious deep purple fabric with her right hand displaying a pronounced wedding ring, she gazes towards the demure figure of an elegant mandolin player. A kerosene lamp stands between them. On the mantle beyond, a statuette of a medieval knight and a wooden crucifix, which is partially reflected in an oval mirror. Mitchell was a storyteller inspired by literature, particularly the chivalrous tales of Arthurian romance, which captivated the Victorian psyche, and his spellbinding works are often enigmatic and steeped in suggestion. Produced in 1913, when societal expectations were substantially more prescribed than today, we're unable to interpret this candid moment through the same lens. Yet, the beauty of Mitchell's simmering ambiguity is its provision for our contemporary eyes to interpret the scene as we wish. How do you read it? Are they strangers, friends, sisters, or budding lovers? Born in Birmingham, Mitchell's early dev...

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