

SA1127435

William III Bromley, The Magpie's Breakfast - Antique Oil Painting

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA1127435****Date of manufacture: 1880**

Dimensions

Height = 46 cm (18.1")

Width = 56 cm (22.0")

Depth = 5 cm (2.0")

Description

This charming late 19th-century oil painting by British artist William III Bromley (1816-1890) depicts a mother feeding a pet magpie while her daughters look on. It was shown at the Society of British Artists in 1882 and sold through Christie's in 1883. Bromley was a celebrated painter of genre scenes. Captivated by their feathered friend, they're transfixed on the cage as the magpie takes its morning meal. It's a relatable moment for a Victorian viewer as magpies were popular pets. In 1892, a writer in the 'Girl's Own Paper' celebrated "the chattering propensities" of this kleptomaniacal bird and described them as excellent talkers. William Bromley was born into a particularly artistic family as both his father and grandfather were engravers. His father, John Charles Bromley (1795-1839), produced mezzotints after a host of well-known artists including Joseph Mallord William Turner RA (1775-1851) and Thomas Girtin (1775-1802). While his grandfather, William Bromley (1769-1842), engraved two portraits after Sir Thomas Lawrence PRA FRS (1769-1830) - depicting the Duke of Wellington and a young Napoleon. Given this, one would've expected the young Bromley to follow suit b...

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