

SA1129294

John Campbell Mitchell RSA, Summer Day - Antique Oil Painting

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA1129294****Date of manufacture: 1920**

Dimensions

Height = 95 cm (37.4")

Width = 104 cm (40.9")

Depth = 4 cm (1.6")

Description

This spirited early 20th-century oil painting by Scottish artist John Campbell Mitchell RSA (1862-1922) depicts an undulant moorland landscape with grazing sheep. It's possibly a view in Galloway. Mitchell was a well-respected painter of landscapes and a member of the Royal Scottish Academy (RSA). Mitchell was born in Campbeltown, Argyll, where the ever-changing skies were a feast for the imagination. As a boy, he'd gaze up at the skittish clouds as they hurried through their formations, attempting to translate a view onto paper. His environment spurred him on to become an artist of merit and it was nature herself that provided the impetus to succeed. His father attempted to persuade him to pursue a legal career and he was apprenticed at C & D MacTaggart, a lawyer's office. But his true calling soon became apparent and appropriate tuition was sought. Around this time, Mitchell's early portfolio was shown to William McTaggart (1835-1910), another of Campbeltown's artistic residents. McTaggart was celebrated as one of Scotland's finest landscape painters, so it was a tricky critique. His opinion was that "there may be a great artist in his skin: but he will have to work f...

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