

SA1132407

Bjørn Smith-Hald, Mountain Farm - Antique Oil Painting

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA1132407****Date of manufacture: 1920**

Dimensions

Height = 59 cm (23.2")

Width = 75 cm (29.5")

Depth = 5 cm (2.0")

Description

This early 20th-century oil painting by Norwegian artist Bjørn Smith-Hald (1883-1964) depicts a farm at the foothills of a mountain. Smith-Hald was a spirited painter of impressionistic landscapes and, later, expressionistic figurative works. Farm buildings, partially obscured by trees, seem minuscule versus the epic snow-capped peaks. The trees are sinuous and barren, the grass perhaps freshly thawed. The chill in the air is palpable. Born in Paris, Smith-Hald's father, Frithjof Smith-Hald (1846-1903), was an esteemed landscape painter who became a key player in a Nordic colony of artists based in the French capital. Hence, his early years would've been particularly illuminating. By 1891, his family had returned to Norway and he undertook his education in Bergen before moving to Berlin and Antwerp due to the demands of his father's career. In 1899, he settled in London where he trained as a shipbuilder like his brother. However, the artistic life had captured his imagination and he soon returned home to work under the tutelage of his father. Smith-Hald Senior was a traditionalist who trained with Johan Fredrik Eckersberg (1822-1870), famed for his grand depictions of ...

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