

SA1133029

Mid-19th-Century German School, Still Life With Plums, Grapes, Gooseberries & Roses - Antique Oil Painting

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA1133029****Date of manufacture: 19th Century**

Dimensions

Height = 39 cm (15.4")

Width = 46 cm (18.1")

Depth = 5 cm (2.0")

Description

This accomplished mid-19th-century German oil painting depicts an arrangement of fruit, nuts and flora, including plums, grapes, gooseberries, roses and walnuts. It's monogrammed C.L. and bears a Frankfurt label on the reverse. Produced in 1835, this exquisitely rendered ensemble conveys the ample joys of nature's bounty while simultaneously weaving together hidden symbolic references. It's a fine example from the period and its spirit is bound to the 17th-century Dutch Golden Age. Stylistically, it's a little reminiscent of works by Balthasar van der Ast (1593/94-1657) and it's highly conceivable that the artist studied his oeuvre during their academic training. One such German who modelled his style on the Dutch masters was Johann Wilhelm Preyer (1803-1889), who trained at the Düsseldorf Kunstakademie before travelling to The Hague and Amsterdam. The precise handling evidenced in this piece, coupled with its skilful description of light and shade, results in a three-dimensional effect, as if the platter is emerging into one's room. It's a celebratory feast for the eyes - a veritable smorgasbord of colour and texture. But aside from its aesthetic qualities, if we del...

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