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Walter Dendy Sadler RBA, The Introduction - Antique Oil Painting

Price

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Item Reference: SA1135151

Date of manufacture: 1890

Dimensions

Height = 102 cm (40.2")

Width = 137 cm (53.9")

Depth = 7 cm (2.8")

Description

This charming late 19th-century oil painting by English artist Walter Dendy Sadler RBA (1854-1923) depicts an introduction between a demure young Regency lady and her potential suitor. Sadler was an ingenious, highly appreciated painter of witty genre scenes and a member of the Royal Society of British Artists. On the left, a proud father, upstanding in his tailcoat, waistcoat and cravat, gently holds the gloved hand of his apprehensive daughter. She leans, perhaps a little faint, face rouged by the heat of the roaring fire. Her elegant gown is pinched in at the waist and exceedingly well tailored. On the right, an anxious young gentleman stares towards the window. Bolt upright, heart pounding, in a state of silent trepidation. His brother, a little cocksure, swaggers alongside, while a third character loiters behind. It's decidedly uncomfortable, with each actor in this Dickensian-esque ensemble laced with their own backstory. Sadler invites us to consider the details - the father's clenched fist, the two rams on the fireplace, the poker, the globe, the jewellery on the chair, the animal skin rug, the convex mirror - what do you make of it all? It's fantastically open f...

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