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Mid-18th-Century Dutch School, Landscape With Travellers, Distant View & Building - Antique Oil Painting

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA1137767****Date of manufacture: 1750**

Dimensions

Height = 47 cm (18.5")

Width = 64 cm (25.2")

Depth = 4 cm (1.6")

Description

This splendid mid-18th-century Dutch landscape painting depicts a view with travellers before distant rolling hills. Amid the long shadows of early evening, a travelling party rests by welcoming retreat. A mother, embraced by her child, extends an arm for payment - perhaps a fee for lodgings or simply desirous of a charitable act. A distant village, hazy and tinted, is nestled into the middle ground, while beyond, the picturesque topography extends towards a fortified hill. The exquisite rendering of this idyllic setting is steeped in the rich heritage of the low countries. Numerous Dutch artists in the 18th century looked back to the 17th century for inspiration - proud of their forebears and keen to maintain a sense of national identity. Large skies, winding rivers and expansive views were embedded in their DNA. During the 17th century, flourishing Dutch cities such as Amsterdam and Haarlem were alive with new wealth. Merchants flooded in from overseas and created a buoyant economy perfect for the arts. But unlike many other European cities, painters working here were not constrained by the wishes of the Catholic Church - hence the emergence of secular art, such as l...

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