

SA1139492

Young boy in the Forest,
gathering firewood, ca 1880
French Barbizon oil on canvas

Price

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Item Reference: SA1139492

Date of manufacture: 1880

Dimensions

Height = 46 cm (18.1")

Width = 48 cm (18.9")

Depth = 1 cm (0.4")

Description

A touching and sensitive portrayal of a young boy with slightly large ears, wearing a castoff jacket that is still too big for him, gathering firewood in the forest. Dating from circa 1880, the work may have been painted in the woodlands of the Fontainebleau region, adoptive home to some of the greatest painters of the 19th and early 20th Century. In the village of Barbizon, spearheaded by Millet and Rousseau, painters whose key interest was landscape and the depiction of country life had created an influential artist's colony. Our oil on canvas, restored and possibly previously part of a larger composition, is annotated A Thivet on the stretcher and may well be a work of Antoine Auguste Thivet (1856-1927), who had studied with Aimé Millet and Jean Leon Gérôme at the Academy of Fine Arts in Paris. he exhibited at the Paris Salon from 1877, with an honorable mention in 1899. Measuring 46 x 38 cm, the overall framed size 51 x 43 cm.

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