

SA1141881

John Pettie RA HRSA, The Hour - Antique Oil Painting

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA1141881****Date of manufacture: 1870**

Dimensions

Height = 131 cm (51.6")

Width = 97 cm (38.2")

Depth = 5 cm (2.0")

Description

This enchanting late 19th-century oil painting by Scottish artist John Pettie RA HRSA (1839-1893) depicts a young lady styled in Spanish attire and carrying a domino mask, descending stairs. It's provocatively titled 'The Hour'. Pettie was a well-admired painter of portraits and 'costume' genre. Shown at both the Royal Academy and the Scottish National Exhibition in Edinburgh, this scintillating portrayal is one of the artist's finest examples. It's discussed at length in his 1908 biography, where it's reproduced as the first plate. "...he glories in red, handling a scheme of colour whose richness and fulness is gained by impetuous and unlaboured brushwork". Martin Hardie. Travelling stealthily, yet with speed, she glances into the distance. Her eyes are alive, transfixed and eager. Her outfit suggests she's exiting a masquerade ball, but why the sudden departure? Is she meeting another? An illicit love affair? Or escaping the clutches of a devilish rogue? The painting was discussed by several Victorian art critics and we've published a selection of reviews in our directory. It was formerly in the collection of the distinguished art collector Thomas McArly, the Consul of ...

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