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Victorian Equestrian Portrait – Young Francis James Fry on Pony with Dog” by John Alfred Wheeler

Price

GBP 15,000

| USD \$20,451 | EUR 17,504

Item Reference: SA1172416**Date of manufacture: Victorian**

Dimensions

Height = 88 cm (34.6")

Width = 74 cm (29.1")

Depth = 5.5 cm (2.2")

Description

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Description An exceptional and endearing early Victorian equestrian portrait painted by John Alfred Wheeler (1821–1903), one of Britain’s foremost animal and sporting artists. The work believed to depict the young Francis James Fry, aged about five, heir to the renowned Fry’s Chocolate dynasty, confidently seated upon his pony with his loyal dog by his side. Painted in oil on canvas, the composition captures the grace and innocence of childhood privilege in rural England. The young rider, dressed smartly in a gentleman’s riding coat and black hat, gazes affectionately toward his dog, whose eager eyes and raised tongue convey life and devotion. Set against a softly rendered autumnal landscape, with distant trees and muted skies, the painting radiates the warmth and refinement characteristic of British portraiture in the mid-19th century. Artistic Merit This work is a fine example of Wheeler’s command of anatomy, texture, and atmosphere, qualities that established his reputation among the leading equestrian painters of his era. His delicate use of light and shadow e...

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