

SA1180808

Oil Portrait of Mary with Cairn Terriers C1940

Price

GBP 8,500

| USD \$11,502 | EUR 9,946

Item Reference: SA1180808

Date of manufacture: 1940

Dimensions

Height = 68 cm (26.8")

Width = 58 cm (22.8")

Depth = 2.5 cm (1.0")

Description

Oil Portrait of Mary with Cairn Terriers In the Manner of Sir Harrington Mann (1864–1937) Subject & Medium A tender and atmospheric oil portrait of Mary, a young girl accompanied by her two Cairn Terriers. Painted circa 1940, this work reflects the warmth and refinement of early twentieth-century British domestic portraiture. Soft, natural light and a harmonious pastel palette capture the affectionate bond between child and pets with disarming sweetness. The Cairn Terriers—closely associated with Britain's royal household during the 1930s–40s—introduce a note of playful companionship, enhancing the nostalgic charm and sentimental grace typical of interwar portraiture. Executed in oil on canvas, the artist models Mary's features with delicacy: luminous skin tones, soft curls and an introspective gaze that feels quietly poetic. The work radiates innocence, tenderness and emotional depth. Composition & Technique The composition centres on Mary's serene expression. Her soft blue eyes, gentle blush and slightly parted lips create an intimate, contemplative mood. She appears thoughtful and composed, offering the viewer a moment of emotional stillness. Her pose reinforces this s...

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