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Early 18th Century Dutch School Oil Painting, Landscape With River, Wayfarer & Dog

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA1183061****Date of manufacture: 18th Century**

Dimensions

Height = 80 cm (31.5")

Width = 110 cm (43.3")

Description

This early 18th-century Dutch oil painting, produced around 1720, reflects the enduring influence of the Amsterdam school and carries forward one of the Dutch Republic's most cherished pictorial motifs - the lone wayfarer and his faithful dog. By the early 18th century, the Dutch Golden Age had passed, yet its visual language continued to echo through the work of later painters who preserved its spirit. The wayfarer, still carrying his satchel, staff, and the necessities of the road, had become an emblem of continuity - a figure linking old and new, hardship and hope. He represented the broader idea of movement through the landscape: a persistent threading of human purpose across the natural world. Urban life in Amsterdam, Haarlem, and Utrecht had changed by 1720, becoming more refined, more regulated, and increasingly shaped by mercantile wealth. Yet the appeal of such solitary travellers remained undiminished. To the city-dwelling viewer, the humble figure on the road still offered a vision of respite - a small aperture into an unbridled lifestyle. His presence allowed the imagination to wander, to picture the air beyond the city walls, the crack of twigs underfoot, a...

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