

SA1189904

Wilhelm Trautschold, Portrait Of A Gentleman With A Fur Collar - Antique Oil Painting

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA1189904****Date of manufacture: 1850**

Dimensions

Height = 97 cm (38.2")

Width = 83 cm (32.7")

Depth = 8 cm (3.1")

Description

This striking mid-19th-century oil painting by German artist Wilhelm Trautschold (1815-1877) depicts a bearded gentleman, shown half-length against a softly toned background. His head turned slightly as if caught in a moment of thought. With a calm and attentive gaze, directed outward yet inward at the same time, he projects the impression of a man accustomed to reflection rather than display. Draped in a dark fur-collared coat over a crisp white shirt, he is rendered with a quiet authority that feels earned rather than asserted. The handling is sensitive and assured. The face is modelled through gentle tonal transitions rather than sharp outlines, allowing light to move softly across the forehead, eyes, and cheekbones. The fur collar is suggested with breadth and economy, its texture conveyed through mass and movement. There is nothing showy here, and no attempt at social theatre; the strength of the portrait lies in its restraint. An inscription on the reverse identifies the sitter as an ear doctor by the name of 'Vohsen', a former student friend of 'Karl Wenzel', and names Trautschold as the painter. This suggests that the work was likely made privately rather than ...

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