

SA1193498

Mid-19th-Century German School, Still Life with Fruit, Flowers and Branches - Antique Oil Painting

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA1193498****Date of manufacture: 1850**

Dimensions

Height = 70 cm (27.6")

Width = 60 cm (23.6")

Depth = 6 cm (2.4")

Description

This mid-19th-century German oil painting presents a carefully arranged bouquet of fruit, berries, flowers, and foliage set upon a cool stone slab. A ripe peach rests alongside a mottled apple and pear, their skins softly dulled. A heavy cluster of pale grapes spills forward, their translucent flesh catching the light, while darker fruits - plum and fig - recede into shadow. Wild strawberries, still attached to their leaves, sit low in the composition, anchoring the arrangement close to the slab's edge. Interwoven among the fruit are flowering stems and branches. Cream-coloured blossoms open gently at the upper right, balanced by deeper tones of marigold and scabious, while small blue forget-me-nots emerge almost unnoticed among the leaves. A bare, cut branch rises through the centre of the composition, its stripped surface contrasting with the surrounding abundance. The painter's touch is finely glazed and controlled, allowing surfaces to breathe without sharp outlines. Although the arrangement appears natural, it draws together elements from different moments of the growing year. Rather than presenting a single fleeting scene, the painting feels shaped by accumulated...

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