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Mid-19th-Century Munich School, Nocturnal Alpine Scene With Woman Resting - Antique Oil Painting

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA1197495****Date of manufacture: 1860**

Dimensions

Height = 87 cm (34.3")

Width = 102 cm (40.2")

Depth = 8 cm (3.1")

Description

This calm and reflective mid-19th-century German oil painting depicts a woman reclining, her hand on a zither, before moonlit Alpine scenery. Gazing outwards across the rooftops and into the distance, this is a moment of quiet solitude imagined among the grandeur of the Alps. Where a church spire rises from a small settlement, and the peaks are quelled by the poignancy of moonlight. It's a meditation on music, introspection and stillness. A timeless rendering of a gentle escape. She's dressed in an outfit aligned with the late medieval or early Renaissance period. Wearing a bodice and chemise combination, with her hair braided. Her posture creates a soft silhouette. Munich painters of this period often dressed models in imagined medieval costume to project a sense of continuity - as if to convey that nothing has changed in these rural dwellings. Works such as this offered relief from the ever-industrialised urban haste of the burgeoning cities. A small posy of wildflowers in her hat could imply an emotional openness, coupled with an attentiveness to nature, to 19th-century viewers. Under her right hand, a zither rests. This flat stringed instrument was generally used t...

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