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Ludvig Richarde, Steam Frigate At Copenhagen - Antique Oil Painting

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA1197497****Date of manufacture: 1880**

Dimensions

Height = 75 cm (29.5")

Width = 131 cm (51.6")

Depth = 7 cm (2.8")

Description

This expansive late 19th-century marine painting by Swedish artist Ludvig Richarde (1862-1929) depicts a Danish steam frigate off the coast of Copenhagen. Richarde was never content to merely record what stood before him. Throughout his oeuvre, he shows himself to be a painter of intention - a man who used the sea not only as a subject but as a language. Here, this broad pale view presents far more than a simple coastal observation - it reveals an artist communicating ideas beneath the surface, thinking in symbols as much as in waves and rigging. At first glance, it's a handsome and atmospheric seascape. Look closer, however, and the scene becomes a meditation on transition, national identity, and the shifting technologies of the late 19th century. Richarde arranges the water like a stage on which three eras of maritime history appear together. To the right, a Danish steam frigate flies the bright Dannebrog with quiet pride. Denmark in the 1880s was redefining itself after earlier political losses, embracing modernisation and renewal, particularly at sea. Richarde - a young Swede absorbing these influences in Copenhagen - gives this vessel centre stage. Its iron hull,...

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