

SA1199774

XL Edwardian Oil Painting A May Day Friedrich von Kaulbach 1910

Price

GBP 4,800

| USD \$6,495 | EUR 5,616

Item Reference: SA1199774

Date of manufacture: 1910

Dimensions

Height = 127 cm (50.0")

Width = 178 cm (70.1")

Description

You are viewing an incredible Edwardian oil painting after the German artist Friedrich von Kaulbach. The original is called 'A May Day' and is nearly six feet wide 178 CM so very big. Subject & composition: The painting depicts an elegant outdoor pastoral gathering. In the foreground, a richly dressed woman distributes food or fruit to a group of children, creating a charming domestic and allegorical scene of charity and abundance. To the right, a small group of adults sit at a table beneath trees, engaged in conversation and refreshment, while to the left children play in a wooded landscape. Style & period: The composition, costumes, and painterly handling are strongly reminiscent of 17th–18th century Flemish or Dutch genre painting, in the manner of Rubens, Teniers, or later Continental romanticised pastoral scenes. The figures are lively and theatrical, with expressive gestures and warm colouring. Landscape: The background opens to a rolling countryside with trees, distant fields, and a soft, atmospheric sky, giving depth and a sense of Arcadian calm. Palette & technique: Rich, warm tones—deep greens, browns, and soft flesh colours—are combined with highlights in si...

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