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Rudolf Giffinger, Mountain Landscape With Torrent By Moonlight - Antique Oil Painting

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA1205026****Date of manufacture: 1890**

Dimensions

Height = 92 cm (36.2")

Width = 118 cm (46.5")

Depth = 8 cm (3.1")

Description

This late 19th-century oil painting by Rudolf Giffinger (act. c. 1870-1895) depicts a moonlit mountain torrent - its rushing waters carving a luminous path through a darkened Alpine valley. Beneath a veiled sky, the moon hovers above distant peaks, its diffused light filtering through mist and cloud to settle upon the restless stream below. A solitary dwelling, half-concealed among trees to the left, introduces a quiet human presence among the wilderness. The composition is carefully orchestrated to draw the eye inward, from the shadowed foreground to the silvery cascade at its centre, then beyond to receding layers of mountain silhouettes. Giffinger has employed a deep 'repoussoir' of foliage and rock on either side to create a theatrical framing that heightens the sense of depth. Within this darkened stage, the water becomes the true protagonist - forceful, yet rendered with remarkable subtlety. It is here that the artist's skill is most evident - building the torrent through nuanced tonal shifts. Soft veils of grey and green, broken by touches of pale luminosity to suggest a scattering of moonlight across churning surfaces. The result is convincing, and one can ima...

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