

SA1210588

James Baker Pyne, Mountainous Landscape With Riders - Antique Oil Painting

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA1210588****Date of manufacture: 1850**

Dimensions

Height = 43 cm (16.9")

Width = 53 cm (20.9")

Depth = 4 cm (1.6")

Description

This fine mid-19th-century oil painting by English artist James Baker Pyne (1800-1870) depicts travellers moving through a luminous mountainous landscape, their figures set against a vast expanse of water and distant peaks. The work exemplifies Pyne's mature handling of atmosphere and light, developed during his most celebrated period. The composition unfolds with quiet, poetic grandeur. On the right, two riders traverse the shoreline, their small scale emphasising the immensity of the landscape around them. Beyond, a tranquil body of water stretches towards a range of softly rising mountains, their forms dissolving into a haze of golden light. The sun, low in the sky, diffuses through a veil of mist, casting a warm, silvery glow that unifies the entire scene. To the left, a darkened foreground of trees and rocky outcrop provides contrast, its shadowed mass guiding the eye inward. A delicate architectural fragment, half-concealed among the trees, hints at human presence yet remains secondary to the overarching power of nature. Pyne's orchestration of light is central to the painting's effect. As noted by The Art Journal, his works are characterised by a "glorious flood..."

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