

SA1212266

Friedrich Fritz Hildebrandt, Hauling In The Nets - Antique Oil Painting

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA1212266****Date of manufacture: 1850**

Dimensions

Height = 50 cm (19.7")

Width = 69 cm (27.2")

Depth = 4 cm (1.6")

Description

This mid-19th-century oil painting by German artist Friedrich Fritz Hildebrandt (1819-1885) depicts a coastal fishing scene, most likely set along the northern European shoreline, where figures gather at the water's edge to haul in their daily catch. Painted in 1846, it reflects the artist's close observation of maritime life. A quiet industry unfolds beneath a vast, luminous sky. At the shoreline, a small group of fishermen and women stand knee-deep in the shallows, drawing in a heavy net. Nearby, two children, bundled against the coastal air, carry a basket between them. To the right, a beached fishing boat tilts gently on the sand while others mend nets or sort the catch. The sea lies calm beyond, its surface broken only by distant sails. Hildebrandt's composition is delicately balanced between figure and atmosphere. The low horizon allows the expansive sky to dominate, lending the scene an airy openness, while the figures are arranged in quiet clusters that guide the eye across the foreground. Fine touches of paint describe the shimmer of water and the textures of sand, while the clothing - rendered in soft reds, blues, and ochres - provides gentle dabs of colour. T...

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