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Pancrasz Körle, A Surprise - Antique Oil Painting

Price

GBP 3,500

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Date of manufacture: 1860

Dimensions

Height = 83 cm (32.7")

Width = 70 cm (27.6")

Depth = 6 cm (2.4")

Description

This exquisite mid-19th-century genre painting by German artist Pancrasz Körle (1823-1875) captures a moment of theatrical anticipation within a lavish Rococo interior. Titled 'A Surprise', the composition unfolds like a scene from an opera or stage play. A finely dressed gentleman pauses at a doorway and gently knocks, while a ribbon-adorned lamb waits obediently beside him. Beyond lies mystery - a darkened passage receding into shadow, interrupted only by the faint glow of a distant room and the solemn presence of a tall grandfather clock. Time seems to stand still for this keen suitor. Born in Munich in 1823, the son of a master baker, Körle trained first under Philipp Peter Teutsch before studying portraiture at the school of Joseph Bernhardt. Between 1845 and 1848, he worked in Vienna under Ferdinand Waldmüller, absorbing the older master's refined handling. Following the revolutionary unrest of 1848, he returned to Munich, where he began devoting himself almost entirely to genre scenes inspired by the theatricality of the 18th century. Here, his fascination for the Rococo reaches remarkable sophistication. The silence is orchestrated with extraordinary control. T...

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