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John Henderson, Still Life With Orchids - Antique Oil Painting

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA1220954****Date of manufacture: 1910**

Dimensions

Height = 65 cm (25.6")

Width = 50 cm (19.7")

Depth = 5 cm (2.0")

Description

This beautiful early 20th-century oil painting by Scottish artist John Henderson (1860-1924) depicts a small arrangement of orchids gathered in a lustrous red vase. Set against a dark ground, the blooms appear almost suspended in space, their delicate white petals touched with soft lilac and deep crimson tones. Henderson has approached the subject with a painter's eye for atmosphere and colour. Broad, confident brushstrokes animate the petals, while the rich red vase provides a warm counterpoint to the cool whites and violets of the orchids. The dark background heightens the sense of luminosity, allowing the flowers to emerge gently from the shadows. Particularly appealing is the handling of the vase itself, where flashes of reflected light and broken colour reveal the artist's delight in paint as a material. While best known for his landscapes of the Scottish countryside, Henderson occasionally turned to still life subjects throughout his career. Such works offered an opportunity to explore colour, tone, and painterly expression on a more intimate scale. The looseness evident here reflects the broader shift in taste occurring during his lifetime, as many artists moved ...

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