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Henry John Yeend King RBA ROI, An Autumn Crossing - Antique Oil Painting

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA1223249****Date of manufacture: 1900**

Dimensions

Height = 54 cm (21.3")

Width = 71 cm (28.0")

Depth = 5 cm (2.0")

Description

This early 20th-century oil painting by English artist Henry John Yeend King (1855-1924) depicts a quiet moment in the countryside, as a girl patiently guides a calf across an old stone bridge, while bathed in the rich colours of autumn. At first glance, the painting delights through its luminous palette and masterful handling of light. Golden foliage, russet trees, and soft green meadows lead the eye naturally through the composition, while the weathered bridge provides a focal point. Beyond the bridge, the landscape gradually dissolves into delicate blue-grey hills, inviting the viewer to continue their journey. Whether deliberately or not, the crossing provides an interesting symbol of patience, trust and guidance. The young girl does not pull or hurry the calf but simply guides it. In doing so, the humble bridge becomes a reminder that life's most meaningful journeys are often shaped through simple acts of care. Yeend King was among Britain's most admired painters of rural life. After studying in Paris under Léon Bonnat and Fernand Cormon, he embraced the brighter palette and natural light of French painting. His works combine careful observation with an exceptiona...

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