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Brian Shields 'Braaq' (1951–1997) Oil on Canvas

Price

GBP 11,950

| USD \$16,171 | EUR 13,983

Item Reference: SA1225424**Date of manufacture: Later than 1960**

Dimensions

Height = 40.6 cm (16.0")

Width = 30.5 cm (12.0")

Description

A charming winter street scene by the celebrated Northern artist Brian Shields, better known as 'Braaq', depicting figures making their way through snow-covered streets beneath softly falling snow. A Gothic church dominates the centre of the composition, whilst the warm glow from a single illuminated window provides a striking contrast against the muted winter palette. Executed in the artist's distinctive naïve style, the painting is rich in atmospheric detail, from the heavily impasto snow to the bustling procession of figures crossing the icy street. Particularly engaging is the small child peering from behind the corner of the building, a playful detail reminiscent of the artist's fondness for including hidden characters and autobiographical references within his compositions, inviting the viewer to linger and explore the scene. Signed 'Braaq Ann' lower right and presented in a contemporary moulded frame. Brian Shields was one of the most recognisable Northern artists of the late twentieth century, renowned for his evocative depictions of industrial Britain and everyday life. Working under the name 'Braaq', his paintings are instantly recognisable for their character...

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