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Else Preußner, Still Life With Fruit, Candlesticks & Biscuits - Antique Oil Painting

Price

GBP 1,850

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Date of manufacture: 1930

Dimensions

Height = 83 cm (32.7")

Width = 73 cm (28.7")

Depth = 3 cm (1.2")

Description

This early 20th-century oil painting by German artist Else Preußner (1876-1954) depicts a richly coloured still life with fruit, candlesticks, and biscuits on a table. A silver fruit stand overflows with apples, grapes, pears and plums, while biscuits, glassware and polished candlesticks are scattered across a softly draped white tablecloth. Behind them, an old portrait emerges from the shadows, inviting us to imagine the room beyond. Colour is the painting's greatest delight. Preußner allows deep crimson apples, purple plums and emerald grapes to glow against the dark interior, while the crisp white cloth reflects soft light back into the composition. The polished silver stand catches flashes of brilliance - contrasting with the warm glow of the brass candlesticks and the translucent green of the wine glass. The arrangement itself is full of small pleasures. A basket of biscuits sits comfortably beside the fruit - as if we could reach out and pick one up. A pear and a sliced plum rest casually upon a small plate. Even the tiny decorative container placed in the foreground contributes a playful note. These are familiar domestic objects, yet Preußner paints them with ge...

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