

SA1226341

Richard Redgrave The Sylvan Spring

Price

GBP 7,000

| USD \$9,454 | EUR 8,191

Item Reference: SA1226341

Date of manufacture: 1850

Dimensions

Height = 67 cm (26.4")

Width = 82.5 cm (32.5")

Description

Oil on canvas, signed and dated '1855'; inscribed verso Image size: 32 ½ x 26 ¼ inches (82.5 x 67 cm) Ornate gilt frame Inscription verso: The Sylvan Spring Deep and still, that gliding stream Beautiful to thee must seem As the river of a dream Richard Redgrave 10 Hyde Park Gate South Kensington Provenance: Sotheby's, British & Irish Art, 2014 Sotheby's, 1981 Exhibited: Royal Academy, London, 1855, no. 88 Literature: Athenaeum, 1855, no. 1439, p. 623 Art Journal, 1855, p. 171 The subject matter of this work is taken from the 1842 poem Maidenhood, by the internationally renowned American poet Henry Wadsworth Longfellow. Longfellow wrote in the Romantic style that was incredibly popular in England at the time, and so his works were applauded amongst British literary and artistic circles. He was a contemporary of Redgrave, who was undoubtedly inspired by this poem and incorporated its symbolism into this particular artwork. Longfellow's poem centres around a young woman about to cross over a babbling brook, symbolising her transition from childhood into adulthood, and urges her to take the qualities associated with maidenhood - innocence, kindness, purity, modesty ...

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