

SA1226344

Attrib Jan van Staveren A Hermit Reading

Price

GBP 6,500

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Item Reference: SA1226344

Date of manufacture: 17th Century

Dimensions

Height = 20 cm (7.9")

Width = 17 cm (6.7")

Description

Oil on panel, signed verso Image size: 3 x 4 inches (7.6 x 10.2 cm) Hand-made frame This contemplative artwork, likely intended as a devotional piece given its size, depicts a hermit clad in brown robes as he reads a devotional book in a cave. This subject matter was a popular choice for van Staveren, and it is possible that this work was a cabinet painting, a fashionable format in 17th century Leiden. The small scale of the painting makes its high level of detail utterly remarkable. The folds of the monk's clothes, the pages of his book and even the hairs on his beard are distinct and tangible, paying testament to the artist's high level of skill. The subtlety of the colours and the earthy palette lends itself to the air of devotion and creates an atmosphere of serenity. Jan Adriaensz van Staveren Jan van Staveren was born in 1613, the son of an oil miller and soap boiler who served as an alderman and council member for the city of Leiden. It is likely that van Staveren grew up in comfortable, if not wealthy, circumstances, which allowed him to pursue an artistic education at Leiden University. It has been theorised that van Staveren was taught to paint - or was at le...

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