

SA1226433

Herbert Ashwin Budd The Fortune Teller

Price

GBP 6,000

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Item Reference: SA1226433**Date of manufacture: 1920**

Dimensions

Height = 47 cm (18.5")

Width = 37.5 cm (14.8")

Description

Oil on canvas, signed 'H.A Budd' lower right Image size: 18 ½ x 14 ¾ inches (47 x 37.5cm) Original frame
Rendered in an almost autumnal colour palette, Budd's oil painting depicts a Romani Gypsy engaging in the practice of fortune-telling whilst an enraptured crowd watches on. Claspèd in the fortune-teller's hand is a crystal ball, whilst behind him is a wall on which a deck of cards is pinned. Crystallomancy and cartomancy are two ways in which fortunes have historically been told, and are two practices particularly associated with Roma communities. In communities where Romani people have historically been confined to the periphery, fortune-telling - or dukkering, as it is called in the Romani language - provided an opportunity to earn money whilst practising their own culture. Budd was known for his paintings depicting scenes of life from London, so it is likely that the setting of this painting is an anonymous London street. It is easy to see a continuity between the performer depicted in this work from the early 20th century, and the variety of magicians and acrobats enticing crowds in today's world. Herbert Ashwin Budd Herbert Ashwin Budd was born in Staffordshire ...

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