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Early 19th-Century German School, Portrait Of A Black Horse In An Arcadian Landscape - Antique Oil Painting

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA1226445****Date of manufacture: 1800**

Dimensions

Height = 45 cm (17.7")

Width = 54 cm (21.3")

Depth = 5 cm (2.0")

Description

This early 19th-century German oil painting depicts a magnificent black horse standing gracefully beside an elegant stone fountain. It's portrayed with all the dignity usually reserved for an aristocratic sitter. One foreleg is gently raised as it pauses to drink, while its alert eye looks beyond the viewer. Although the horse is undoubtedly the protagonist, the artist has placed it within an enchanting landscape of flowering gardens, mature trees, sailing vessels and a distant harbour. The painting occupies an intriguing position between portraiture and fantasy. The horse itself is rendered with careful attention to its anatomy and movement, suggesting the artist had studied living animals closely. Yet the surrounding landscape belongs to a more romantic world and evokes an Arcadian retreat, where classical fountains, ornamental planting and tranquil waterways combine to create an atmosphere of effortless refinement. It's tempting to imagine that this was commissioned by a prosperous owner wishing to celebrate a particularly prized horse. By the early 19th century, wealthy merchants and professionals increasingly commissioned portraits that reflected not only their po...

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