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Max Kaltenmoser, A Girl Sewing By A Window - Antique Oil Painting

Price

GBP 4,500

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Date of manufacture: 1860

Dimensions

Height = 70 cm (27.6")

Width = 58 cm (22.8")

Depth = 5 cm (2.0")

Description

This beautiful mid-19th-century oil painting by German artist Max Kaltenmoser (1842-1887) depicts a young woman sewing by an open window. Kaltenmoser was an academy-trained master of such scenes who possessed a remarkable gift for transforming ordinary moments into quiet stories. The painting is a celebration of contrasts. The interior is warm, intimate and softly shadowed, furnished with sturdy country furniture and the familiar objects of daily life. While beyond, the open casement lies a world of fresh air, blossom and sunshine. Kaltenmoser uses the window as a bridge between two worlds - duty and imagination, the familiar present and the unknown future. Although the young woman appears occupied with her sewing, her attention has clearly wandered. Her needle is held almost absent-mindedly as she watches two butterflies dancing in the sunlight. During the 19th century, butterflies often carried associations with love, transformation and the fleeting nature of youth. It's tempting to imagine that, for a brief moment, they have interrupted her work and carried her thoughts elsewhere. Perhaps she's wondering what lies ahead - courtship, marriage or the home she may one ...

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