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Adelaïde Salles-Wagner, Mealtime - Antique Oil Painting

Price

GBP 7,500

| USD \$10,149 | EUR 8,776

Item Reference: SA1227475**Date of manufacture: 1870**

Dimensions

Height = 97 cm (38.2")

Width = 87 cm (34.3")

Depth = 12 cm (4.7")

Description

This exquisite late 19th-century oil painting by German artist Adelaïde Salles-Wagner (1825-1890) depicts a mother feeding her baby with a silver spoon. Salles-Wagner is known predominantly for her time in France, and she exhibited extensively in Paris. Few artists of the 19th century portrayed women and children with greater tenderness than Adelaïde Salles-Wagner. Here, she's transformed one of the most familiar moments of domestic life into something quietly profound. A young mother cradles her infant across her lap as she patiently offers a spoonful of food, her attention fixed entirely upon the child. It's an everyday scene, yet one observed with great care. Rather than facing the viewer, the mother turns gently in profile, allowing us to witness the moment almost unnoticed. Sunlight falls softly across her face, illuminating the thoughtful concentration in her expression while leaving the surrounding garden in gentle shadow. The child, comfortably nestled against her, reaches instinctively towards the spoon, secure in the knowledge that it's held by the person he trusts most. Salles-Wagner evidently understands the deep bond between a mother and her child. Note th...

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