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JOHN OPIE R.A (1767-1807) - 'THE FORTUNE TELLER' OIL ON CANVAS GENRE PAINTING

Price

GBP 16,000

| USD \$21,610 | EUR 18,714

Item Reference: SA1227748**Date of manufacture: 18th Century**

Dimensions

Height = 142 cm (55.9")

Width = 102 cm (40.2")

Depth = 4 cm (1.6")

Description

The Fortune Teller a fine late 18th century English oil on canvas subject or 'fancy picture' attributed to John Opie R.A (1767-1807) John Opie (1767-1807) Opie was born the son of a carpenter in a tin-mining district of Cornwall before being discovered as a child prodigy. A self taught artist his natural gifts in drawing were discovered by Dr John Walcot (1738-1819), whose protection and patronage helped to nurture the boy's gifts before he was brought to London in 1781 where his works caused great sensation. He quickly received the patronage of the Royal Family alongside leading figures of the nobility and cultural elites. Opie was elected an Association of the Royal Academy in 1786 and was made an RA the following year.. He became professor of painting at the Royal Academy in 1805, his lectures being posthumously published in 1809 (prefaced with a memoir by his wife, the novelist and poet Amelia Opie). Although celebrated as a portrait artist Opie was also known for his historical and genre scenes, and the painting we offer here is a case in point. Opie is buried at St. Paul's near Josh...

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