

SA1228162

Fine Irish genre oil painting by Howard Helmick 1840-1907

Price

GBP 1,950

| USD \$2,634 | EUR 2,281

Item Reference: SA1228162

Date of manufacture: 1880

Dimensions

Height = 86.5 cm (34.1")

Width = 72.5 cm (28.5")

Depth = 7.5 cm (3.0")

Description

A superb oil on canvas depicting an Irish couple by the American artist Howard Helmick 1840-1907. The scene shows a shepherd returning home to where his wife has been hard at work spinning wool. The piece is done in a realistic manner in the romantic tradition, with a pre-Raphaelite influence. The painting is signed to the right 'H. Helmick' and dated 1879. Howard Eaton Helmick was born in Ohio and trained at the Ohio Mechanics Institute in Cincinnati, and subsequently at the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts. He moved to Paris and studied under the guidance of Alexandre Cabanel at L'Ecole des Beaux-Arts. He exhibited at the Paris Salons, and he became acquainted with the renowned American impressionist painter Mary Cassat. Both artists showed work at the Salon in Paris in 1869. By 1872 Helmick had left France for London and Ireland. He began exhibiting at London's Royal Academy, in 1873 and started his great Irish series. By 1879 he was elected as member of the Society of British Artists, and by 1881 the Society of Painter Etchers. He quickly established himself by exhibiting at the major British galleries. He was close friends with other American exiles such as James McN...

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