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Pair 18th Century paintings of the Sibyls Cumae + Delphi, circa 1700. French School.

Price

GBP 42,000

| USD \$57,263 | EUR 49,010

Item Reference: SA1229863

Date of manufacture: 18th Century

Dimensions

Height = 182.7 cm (71.9")

Width = 43.5 cm (17.1")

Depth = 8 cm (3.1")

Description

This pair of magnificent 18th Century oil on canvas paintings of Sibyl of Cumae: Often depicted with fish, symbolizing her prophetic nature and connection to the sea. She was known for her oracles and is one of the most famous Sibyls in ancient literature. Sibyl of Delphi: Commonly shown with a book, representing wisdom and knowledge. She was associated with the Oracle of Delphi and is recognized for her significant role in Greek and Roman mythology. These figures were prominent in both classical and later Renaissance art, often embodying themes of prophecy, wisdom, and divine inspiration. The word "Sibyl" comes (via Latin) from the ancient Greek word sibylla, meaning "prophetess". There were many Sibyls in the ancient world, but the Persian Sibyl allegedly foretold the exploits of Alexander of Macedon. Nicanor, who wrote a life of Alexander, mentions her. These paintings are part of a set of nine and can be purchased as a set at the moment.

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