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Gabriel Mathieu, A Walk By The River - Antique Oil Painting

Price

GBP 1,850

| USD \$2,522 | EUR 2,159

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Date of manufacture: 1890

Dimensions

Height = 68 cm (26.8")

Width = 88 cm (34.6")

Depth = 6 cm (2.4")

Description

This late 19th-century oil painting by French artist Gabriel Mathieu (1843-1921) depicts a narrow path running through sunlit grass and following the course of a flowing river. Here, in this unassuming corner of the French countryside, Mathieu renders it with such conviction that one has the peculiar sensation of having walked into the landscape. This sense of invitation is characteristic of his work. Again and again, he painted paths, towpaths and waterways that carry the viewer gradually through the composition. Mathieu was a painter intimately acquainted with rivers. He worked repeatedly along the Marne, particularly around Champigny, Saint-Maur and La Varenne-Saint-Hilaire, while his travels also took him to the more rugged countryside of the Creuse. This landscape appears closer in spirit to the latter. There's intelligence to the composition. The dark mass of rock anchors the left side while the river opens towards the right, its silvery surface catching the light as it moves between scattered boulders. Between them, Mathieu lays out a succession of greens - grasses, shrubs and distant trees. Small touches of warmer colour among the vegetation suggest the variety...

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