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English School 18th Century, A Portrait of a Young bandsman possibly of the Yorkshire Militia with a Busby Hat and Cymbals.

Price

GBP 4,500

| USD \$6,089 | EUR 5,265

Item Reference: SA319286

Date of manufacture: 1800

Dimensions

Height = 62 cm (24.4")

Width = 49 cm (19.3")

Depth = 3 cm (1.2")

Description

English School 18th Century, A Portrait of a Young bandsman possibly of the Yorkshire Militia with a Busby Hat and Cymbals. oil on canvas 21 x 16 in. (54 x 41 cm.) The Brass plate is inscribed "New...." Master of Music York. Regimental Band Uniforms were traditionally white with the collar, cuffs, lapels, etc in the regimental facing colour. It was, however, not at all unknown for musicians to wear uniforms which were in very different colours to those of the rest of the regiment's personnel. If they have a connection with a particular location, they are more likely to belong to the Militia regiment/battalion of that area than to the Regulars. Apart from London, cities in Great Britain did not really have their own units, but the various Ridings of Yorkshire certainly each had one or more battalions of Militia troops. I would date these to the mid-1790s.

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