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English School 18th Century, portrait of a Young Fifer in Military Dress possibly from a Yorkshire Militia Band

Price

GBP 4,500

| USD \$6,093 | EUR 5,265

Item Reference: SA319293

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, portrait of a Young Fifer in Military Dress possibly from a Yorkshire Militia Band oil on canvas 21 x 16 in. (54 x 41 cm.) 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. A fife is a small, high-pitched, transverse flute, that is similar to the piccolo, but louder and shriller due to its narrower bore. The fife originated in medieval Europe and is often used in military and marching bands. Someone who plays the fife is called a fifer. The word fife comes from the German Pfeife, or pipe, which comes from the Latin word pipare. Th...

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