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A Steeplechase, a horse and jockey taking a ditch, English School 19th Century

Price

GBP 3,500

| USD \$4,736 | EUR 4,095

Item Reference: SA75922**Date of manufacture: 19th Century**

Dimensions

Height = 47 cm (18.5")

Width = 68 cm (26.8")

Depth = 3 cm (1.2")

Description

Oil on Canvas 39.00 x 60.00 cm; 15.35 x 23.62 ins dated 1839 lower right The steeplechase is a form of horse racing (primarily conducted in the United Kingdom, Canada, United States, Australia, France and Ireland) and derives its name from early races in which orientation of the course was by reference to a church steeple, jumping fences and ditches and generally traversing the many intervening obstacles in the countryside. In the UK and Ireland the official term now used for the sport is National Hunt racing. It is a term now used to refer to a distance horse race with diverse fence and ditch obstacles; the most famous of these is the Grand National run annually at Aintree Racecourse, in Liverpool, since its inception in 1836 (the official race was held 3 years later). The steeplechase originated in Ireland in the 18th century as an analogue to cross-country thoroughbred horse races which went from church steeple to church steeple, hence "steeplechase". The first steeplechase is said to have been the result of a wager in 1752 between Mr. Cornelius O'Callaghan and Mr. Edmund Blake, racing four miles (6 km) cross-country from Buttevant Church to St. Leger Church in Don...

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