

SA866394

**Bakshaish Village Carpet,
North-West Persia, circa 1880,
3.45m x 2.50m**

Price

Sold

Item Reference: SA866394

Date of manufacture: 1880

Dimensions

Height = 345 cm (135.8")

Width = 350 cm (137.8")

Description

The small town of Bakshaish in North-West Persia was known for weaving charming rugs for centuries. The products displayed designs which revealed both the local nomadic and village tradition, and also the influence of the workshop and court carpets of the nearby city of Tabriz. Located in the heart of a thriving carpet weaving district which included other well known towns such as Heriz, Karaja, Ahar and Gorevan, Bakshaish suffered an earthquake at the end of the 19th century which led to the end of carpet weaving. Bakshaish carpets share designs with neighbouring towns but can be identified in a few ways. Structurally, they often use wool for both warp and weft, the weave is generally loose and floppy and designs tend towards an archaic interpretation. One often see animals, birds and archaic symbolism. The medallion carpets also have a dynamism that does not appear in all weavings of the region. The use of colours tends to be restrained, certainly in comparison with weavers in other nearby centres. This lovely carpet exemplifies the tradition. The colours are few but all wonderful, a salmon field complemented by yellows, light blues and pinks. The medallion design has b...

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