

SA924167

George Brown - Watercolours - 'Sisters' 1895

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA924167****Date of manufacture: Victorian**

Description

A Pair of Watercolours of 'Sisters' By George Brown signed and dated 1895 Height 52 cm and Width 42 cm each George Brown born into a poor family in Durham, England, John George Brown earned a reputation as one of 19th-century America's most skilled painters of children, especially entrepreneurial, cheerful street urchins who earned a pittance as boot blacks, newspaper vendors, etc. In some circles, he was dubbed the "Boot Black Raphael" because of the glowing faces of his child figures and his skill of execution. His paintings of these sympathy-arousing children were so popular in a Victorian era of increased industrialization that he became rich from painting sales as well as royalties from lithographs. Brown showed early drawing talent but was discouraged by his lawyer father who insisted that he learned a trade, so he apprenticed for seven years with a glass cutter at Newcastle. He worked at this trade in Edinburgh and attended the School of the Royal Scottish Academy. At age 22, he went to London and earned a living painting portraits. He moved to America and studied art at night at the National Academy of Design and in May, 1856, rented his first studio, which wa...

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