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Rudolf Riemerschmid, Children Dancing In A Wood - Antique Tempera on Paper

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA956825****Date of manufacture: 1920**

Dimensions

Height = 57 cm (22.4")

Width = 63 cm (24.8")

Depth = 6 cm (2.4")

Description

This early 20th-century painting by German artist Rudolf Riemerschmid (1873-1953) depicts three children dancing in a wooded area. It's a joyful portrayal that celebrates the unbridled freedom of youth. Bouncing gleefully, hand-in-hand, the woods are filled with the rhythmic sound of rhyme and laughter. A scene of utter simplicity, perhaps they're siblings. The tallest in a lilac dress concentrates on her footwork, mastering a routine rehearsed over several months - now played out under the glow of a gentle Summer evening. Capturing the spirit of youth was a key tenet of progressive German art in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. As a reaction to starchy academy-led expectations, unshackled artists sought to express themselves more liberally. For hundreds of years, 'good' art was based on formulas, idealised notions of nature - achieved only via careful study of a doctrine laid down by sophisticated tutors. But artists such as Riemerschmid looked to rise up and rebel. Off the back of this wave of anti-dogma, Jugend magazine was born and quickly became a tonic for the imagination - an antidote for oppressive conformity. Riemerschmid was a contributor, an important...

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