

SA960496

Thorvald Nygaard, The First Six-Day Race - Vintage Oil Painting

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA960496****Date of manufacture: 1930**

Dimensions

Height = 87 cm (34.3")

Width = 113 cm (44.5")

Depth = 5 cm (2.0")

Description

This exhilarating oil painting by Thorvald Nygaard (1892-1973) depicts the first 'Six-Day Race' in Denmark, which was held at the Forum København. It's a spirited work abundant with vibrancy, drama and life. The Six-Day Race dates back to 1875 with the first being held in Birmingham, England. It began as a running event with individual athletes competing for six days straight. This gruelling test of endurance was then replicated for cyclists in 1878. It seems astonishing that, with only rudimentary equipment, the competitors raced for almost a week. In 1899, perhaps somewhat sensibly, a relay system was introduced whereby one rider could rest while his teammate carried on. In 1934, the race came to Denmark's Forum København, where it piqued the interest of Thorvald Nygaard. The arena was packed with an excitable crowd glued to the action and Nygaard was presumably among them. As we see from his work, the velodrome is a feast for the eyes with brightly coloured riders circling tirelessly, mostly in formation. While above them, various flags and signs flutter in the breeze. Can you imagine the atmosphere towards the end? Nygaard's interest in this race may stem from his ...

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