

SA962862

Frank Charles Peyraud, River Landscape With Boatmen - Antique Charcoal Drawing

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA962862****Date of manufacture: 1880**

Dimensions

Height = 49 cm (19.3")

Width = 54 cm (21.3")

Depth = 3 cm (1.2")

Description

This early 20th-century charcoal drawing by Swiss artist Frank Charles Peyraud (1858-1948) depicts a river landscape with boatmen. As a young man training in Paris, Peyraud sought to convey feeling by capturing nature in its various moods. "While I paint, I feel the emotions which I try to impress upon my work. My view of art is that we should paint what we feel." Here, in this work from 1881, he depicts a river view in charcoal - it's subdued, muted, introspective. Two figures stand on the bank alongside a small boat. Beyond them, the distant water's edge is met by a line of trees, which open in a V shape. Note how the artist places the boat below the opening to add interest to the composition. Two months after producing this study, Peyraud moved to America, eventually settling in Chicago, which adds a sense of poignancy to this thoughtful little drawing. "We may paint both happiness and sadness; the glory of the sunset; the hope and exhilaration of the dawn; the melancholy and peacefulness of the twilight, and the dreamy calmness of the night. All the tumult of nature and beauty comes close to the human heart." Signed/dated lower right and held within a later frame...

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