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George Balmer, The Dismantled Dutchman - Antique Oil Painting

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA976891****Date of manufacture: 19th Century**

Dimensions

Height = 27 cm (10.6")

Width = 32 cm (12.6")

Depth = 3 cm (1.2")

Description

This 19th-century oil painting by British artist George Balmer (1805-1846) depicts a coastal scene with beached ship. As a young man, Balmer spent countless hours exploring the Northumberland coast with his uncle. Experiencing nature's abundant sublimity - rolling waves breaking over rough shingle, wild gales in the colder months, the luminosity of the vivid Summers. These early trips underpinned his love for painting and he returned to these themes time and time again. Here, we see various figures dismantling a beached ship. One sat upon a partially submerged cart while others work on the shore. Imagine young Balmer's curious mind when he first encountered such events. Many of his works were produced on small panels - picturesque, exquisitely rendered vignettes, which capture a moment in time. They exist like fleeting memories immortalised in oil. Each captured with sincerity and underlined by a deep respect for the North Sea. This particular work was produced in 1839 towards the end of his career. In an obituary, his good friend John Wykeham Archer explained that soon after, Balmer disappeared into relative obscurity and retired from the public eye. A humble gentleman...

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