

SA982070

Benjamin Barker of Bath (Attributed), A Goat By A Waterfall, Antique Watercolour

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA982070****Date of manufacture: 19th Century**

Dimensions

Height = 77 cm (30.3")

Width = 60 cm (23.6")

Depth = 3 cm (1.2")

Description

This early 19th-century watercolour by British artist Benjamin Barker of Bath (1776-1838) depicts a goat by a waterfall. Tumbling over the crags and brutal rocks, water gushes with considerable force. It's a zig-zagging authority of unbridled strength - the natural world demonstrating its infinite sublimity. While the Autumnal trees stretch and retreat, almost terrified by the irrepressible falls. Benjamin Barker of Bath began his career in a frenzy and never looked back. His father, an aspiring artist, fell on hard times and, together with his brother, Thomas, young Benjamin had to learn fast. As a boy, he'd fill his cottage windows with little pictures in the style of the Old Masters, teasing the eye of passing tourists. These gained popularity and, in many ways, underpinned his career. Here, we see a picturesque view transformed with a sense of rugged mysticism. It could be anywhere, but it's probably local to Bath. It's reminiscent of two works he produced for W. Everitt, which were published in aquatint. These were described as 'A Scene At Hampton, Near Bath' and 'Hampton Cliffs'. The British Museum holds examples. Barker could turn his hand to various old master...

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