

BENJAMIN WILLIAMS LEADER R.A. - A SUMMER AFTERNOON - REF 2077



A delightful, airy and atmospheric observation of a couple and their dog enjoying a summer afternoon painted in the classic impressionist style of Benjamin Williams Leader.

Born Benjamin Williams, adding the surname Leader to distinguish himself from the Williams family of artists, to whom he was not related, a Worcester landscape painter who exhibited at the RA from 1857-1922. Leader's early pictures show some Pre-Raphaelite influence, but he later developed a broader, more naturalistic style, which was enormously successful. His best known picture is "February Fill-Dyke" (now in Birmingham Art Gallery) which has been described as the equivalent in landscape painting of the "Light of the World" in religious painting. Leader's works have always been admired for their literalness and "truth to Nature". "A Summer Afternoon" is without doubt a fine example of the work of Benjamin Williams Leader.

PRICE: £7,950

Provenance: Private collection Berkshire.

Artist & Painting: Benjamin Williams Leader, British (1831 - 1923) . "A Summer Afternoon" - oil on canvas, signed and dated 1899.

Dimensions of Image: 18" wide, 12" high.
46cm wide, 30cm high.

Restorations: The painting has been cleaned, old re-lining fitted with a new English made giltwood and gesso swept frame.

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