

## BRIAN SHIELDS (BRAAQ) - "A WINTER'S DAY OUT" - REF 2171



A cold day in winter with families out and children playing set in a square somewhere in Liverpool- painted with an expert eye for humour and detail by Liverpool artist – Brian Shields.

*Born in Liverpool in 1951, to father Dennis Shields, who himself was a highly regarded artist, however having twelve children found it difficult to support his family through painting alone. Brian's eldest brother pursued a successful career in America as a sculptor. Brian's adoption of the unusual pseudonym of 'braaq' is actually a misspelling of the famous French artist Braque which, on account of his artistic talent as a boy, was Brian's nickname at school. The name 'Ann' after his own signature was a reference to his sister who died at the young age of 21 and in whose memory all of his subsequent paintings were dedicated.*

*Brian held his first exhibition in 1974. In 1977 he was invited to hold his first of four exhibitions in London's West End. It was after this exhibition that 'The Times' described him as "one of the six most successful artists in England". All Brian's paintings are based, in a humorous way, on his childhood memories of Liverpool. He frequently painted himself as a boy wearing a striped jumper. In 1997 at the age of 46 Brian died, leaving a contribution to the art world which ranks him among the leading artists in the country.*

PRICE: £18,900

**Provenance:** Sold by the artist to the Box Tree Restaurant, Yorkshire. Acquired by Nigel Munton in the late 1970's as part payment for a debt, thence with the collection of Nigel Munton till present.

**Artist & Painting:** **Brian Shields (aka BRAAQ)**, British (1951-1997) – "A Winter's day Out" – signed lower right, oil on canvas, circa 1975.

**Dimensions of Image:** 20" wide, 16" high; 51cm wide, 41cm high.

**Restorations:** The painting has been lightly cleaned and re-framed in a late 20th century style frame.

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