

DOROTHEA SHARP RBA - "A SKETCH IN DORSET" - REF 2284



PRICE: £23,950

An enchanting summer scene, of a mother with her three children walking in a field near the coast in Dorset, painted with exquisite use of colour, in the impressionist style of one of the best known painters of the modern British era - Dorothea Sharp.

Born at Dartford in Kent, it was not until the age of twenty-one that Dorothea Sharp seriously took up painting. The death of an uncle, who left her one hundred pounds, enabled her to study at the art school run by C. E. Johnson, RI, in Richmond, Surrey. She then attended the Regent Street Polytechnic where she was greatly encouraged by Sir George Clausen and Sir David Murray, visiting critics to the Polytechnic Sketch Club. It was in Paris that Sharp achieved her complete artistic development. There she studied under Castaluchio. It was the work of Claude Monet, however, that was to have a profound and lasting effect on her art, resulting in the highly impressionistic and spontaneous style that she was to adopt for the rest of her life.

Dorothea Sharp exhibited regularly throughout her career at many institutions including the Royal Academy, the Royal Society of British Artist, the Royal Institute of Oil Painters and the Society of Women Artists of which she acted as President for four years. She held her first one-woman show at the Connell Gallery in 1933, which proved a great success and was constantly attended by admiring visitors.

Provenance: Private collection London, Coughton Galleries, Warwickshire.

Artist & Painting: **Dorothea Sharp RBA, ROI, VPSWA**, British (1874-1955) – "A Sketch in Dorset" – oil on board, circa 1930. Signed with initials D.S. lower left and inscribed on label verso in artist's hand".

Dimensions of Image: 16" wide, 13½" high; 41cm wide, 34cm high.

Restorations: The painting has been lightly cleaned and and is displayed in a modern British style frame.

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