



## THE PAVILIONS OF HARROGATE DECORATIVE, ANTIQUES & ART FAIR

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### Important French Painting Highlights Pavilions of Harrogate Antiques Fair

A rare and important painting by a French artist whose work foreshadowed the French impressionists will be a major attraction when it goes on sale at The Pavilions of Harrogate Decorative, Antiques & Art Fair at the Great Yorkshire Showground, Harrogate, 2<sup>th</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> November 2018.



Titled 'Moonlight', the picture is by Henri Joseph Harpignies (1819-1916) and depicts a lake surrounded by trees, probably in the south of France. Painted in black and grey ink, it is typically atmospheric. Harpignies was a key member of the Barbizon School, the group of artists that began the artistic journey towards the Impressionists. The Barbizon School is the name given to a community of mid-19th-century painters who worked in and around the village of Barbizon in the forest of Fontainebleau, south-east of Paris. They painted landscapes and scenes of rural life, occasionally working in the open air. They took their lead from the Suffolk artist John Constable, who was painting from life landscapes and were important precursors of the Impressionists. This picture is a wonderful scene showing all the characteristics of the Barbizon School.

Harpignies was a highly respected artist who was awarded medals of excellence for his works at the Paris Salons of 1866, 1868, 1869, 1878, 1897 and finally the Grand Prix in 1900. In 1875, Harpignies was awarded the Cross of a Chevalier of the Legion d'Honneur; in 1883, a Cross d'Officier and finally, the Cross de Commandeur in 1901. Harpignies was also fine watercolourist and exhibited at the New Watercolour Society in London. Today his paintings can be seen in major French and English collections.

'Moonlight' will be shown by The Timberhill Gallery from Norfolk with a price of £1,450.

The Pavilions of Harrogate Decorative Antiques & Art Fair brings together many dealers from the north of England. Harrogate dealers Chris Holmes Antiques offers all kinds of unusual decorative pieces and Sutcliffe Galleries promise paintings by local artists, old and new. Mark Buckley Antiques shows fine English furniture and bronzes, so too W.R. Harvey Antiques who specialise in Georgian and Regency period pieces. John Newton Antiques has 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> century traditional and studio ceramics and Jack Shaw & Co. makes a superb display of fine English silverware.

In other collecting fields will be Solo Antiques, specialising in glass and sculpture from the Decorative Arts period; jewellers Plaza and Shapiro & Co; Roger De Ville with early English pottery and Brian Ashbee from Bristol.



Among the many highlights will be a very rare pottery cream-ware plate decorated with a canon and flags commemorating the Battle of Waterloo, 1815. Belonging to pottery specialist Roger de Ville, this collector's item will be on sale for £1350.00 (*right*).



Very rare and highly useful will be a George III period mahogany secretaire reading table with drawers, decorative rosewood cross-banding and a gilt green leather writing surface. On sale from W.R. Harvey Antiques, it will be priced at £4,750 (*left*).

Public Admission is £5.00. Open Times: Friday - Sunday 11am-5.00pm

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