

Gentleman with a Flute  
Edward Handley-Read

Sold



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Framed Height: 123 cm (48.4")

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## Description

EDWARD HANDLEY-READ (1870-1935)

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Signed and dated u.r.: Edward Read/96 Oil on canvas

106 by 151 cm., 41 by 59 in. (frame size 123 by 168.5 cm., 48 by 66 in.)

Edward Henry Handley-Read studied at the South Kensington School of Art and Westminster School of Art under Fred Brown before entering the Royal Academy School. He first started working as an illustrator working for The Graphic and Illustrated London News. He soon turned to painting and was an accomplished portrait painter. In 1895 he became a member of the Royal Society of British Artists. During the First World War he served in the Artists' Rifles and his time in at the front resulted in a number of striking depictions of the war, many of which were exhibited at the Leicester Galleries in London. By the 1920s his work largely concentrated on landscape and coastal paintings, often featuring elegant figures. Works by him are in the collection of the Imperial War Museum, British Museum, Victoria & Albert Museum, Higgins Art Gallery, Bedford. His son was the art historian and collector, Charles Handley-Read (1916-1971). The sitter of this portrait may be David Vigo, a Chelsea based business man, whose portrait Handley-Read exhibited at the Royal Society of British Artists in 1896 (no.135).