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Lion Cub

CUTHBERT EDMUND SWAN

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Description

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CUTHBERT EDMUND SWAN 1870-1931English SchoolLion CubOil on canvas, signed and dated 191743.5 x 53.4 cms17 1/8 x 21 inches

Although born in Ireland on 11th January, 1870, Swan was educated at Seaford College in Sussex, England. He was the son of the eminent painter and sculptor John Macallan Swan R.A. who spent considerable time at London Zoo studying and drawing animals there, particularly the big cats.

Before becoming an artist and teacher of animal drawings for L C C School of Arts and Crafts, Cuthbert Swan had been a sailor and a scene painter.

He specialised in animals working in oils, watercolours and pastels to produce his paintings and, despite working in India for a while, spent most of his life in Hampstead. He became a member of the Feline School.

He exhibited 66 times in England at the Royal Academy (from 1893) and the Royal Institute of Oil Painters plus others at the Paris Salon, with titles such as Duke - a study of a lion; Jaguars at Play and Puma and cubs. His brother Edwin was a portrait painter.

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