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18th century portrait oil
painting of Master George
O'Connor by Sir Martin Archer
Shee (1769-1850)

Price

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Item Reference: SA1024681

Date of manufacture: 18th Century

Dimensions

Height = 95 cm (37.4")

Width = 80 cm (31.5")

Description

Portrait of Master George O'Connor of Castleknock, (1778-1842) wearing a white shirt trimmed with lace cuffs and collar, a red jacket with gold buttons, buff breeches, and black shoes with silver buckles, sitting sideways on a chair. This painting dates from Shee's years of early success in Dublin and is a very rare example from this short period of working in his native land. Oil on canvas, 76 x 64cm, in a fine Georgian carved and gilded frame. Provenance: Painted circa 1786, and then by family descent until sold at Christies, 13 December 1912 (as by George Romney) for 720 guineas; Mallett, Bond Street, London where acquired in 2009 by the present owner Exhibited: An Age of Elegance, Irish Art in the Eighteenth Century, Mallett, Lyons Village, County Kildare, 2008 Sir Martin Archer Shee, the only Irish President of the Royal Academy, was born in Dublin on 20 December 1769, into a family originally from Kilkenny which had subsequently moved to County Mayo. He was sent to school in Dublin and there developed his talent as a draughtsman, which subsequently became his hallmark. Shee entered the Dublin Society's Drawing Schools in 1781, at the age of twelve, where under t...

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