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Portrait of a Lady Susannah
Papillon c.1695; Sir Godfrey
Kneller (1646-1723), Antique
oil on canvas painting

Price

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Item Reference: SA1036621

Date of manufacture: 17th Century

Dimensions

Height = 147 cm (57.9")

Width = 121 cm (47.6")

Depth = 7 cm (2.8")

Description

Portrait of Susannah Papillon (1661-1707) c.1695. Titan Fine Art present this elegant large-scale portrait; a fine example of Sir Godfrey Kneller's court-style depiction of aristocratic and wealthy women. Beautifully composed, the sitter is three quarter length and seated within a wooded landscape. Pastoral backgrounds imply a virtuous character of unpretentious sincerity undefiled by the possession of great wealth and estates. In this picture, we can see Kneller's technique at its best, the excellent drawing of the face. It is painted with a delicacy that contrasts with Kneller's more usual bold manner. The sitter is also unencumbered by high fashion or a background of stately topography. The emphasis is instead placed directly on the alluring femininity, and enhanced by the loose drapery and falling hair around her shoulder. We can see how Kneller often allowed the bluer ground layer to show through when suggesting the darker flesh tones. In accordance with the sitter's age and the style of clothing and hair this portrait can be dated to the 1690s. Traditionally this portrait is thought to represent Susannah Papillon (nee Gregory) who was born on 13th Feb 1699 and ...

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