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Portrait of a Gentleman, Pieter Van Der Dvssen c.1664; by Jan van Haensbergen (1642–1705), oil on canvas

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Item Reference: SA1063081

Date of manufacture: 17th Century

Dimensions

Height = 67 cm (26.4")

Width = 59 cm (23.2")

Depth = 5 cm (2.0")

Description

This charming portrait is an excellent example of late 17th century child portraiture and is from one of the most prolific periods in art history – the Dutch Golden Age. A vast number of artists produced work to fulfil the demands and tastes of a broad Dutch society, and many cities in the Netherlands developed into distinct artistic centres, characterised by style and specialities of subject. The quality of our portrait is similar to the works of the highly specialised 'fijnschilders', who were working in Leiden at the time; these artists executed meticulous small-scale paintings. As with the artist's other works of children, Haensbergen painstakingly recorded many details including a fine depiction of the face, and the surface effects of the materials and the pearl clasps. The young sitter is Walther Bernt Pieter Van der Dussen. He was born into a wealthy noble Catholic family in Delft in 1654. In this portrait he would be around ten years of age, dating the work to circa 1664, which is also the year before the artist's marriage to Johanna van Heusden. The Van der Dussen family were great patrons of the arts and commissioned a number of major works from eminent ar...

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