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Dated 1752, signed, Portrait of a Lady in a Blue and Pink Silk Dress, Possibly Mrs Rowe; by Henry Pickering (c.1720-1770/71), oil on canvas painting

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA1064335****Date of manufacture: 18th Century**

Dimensions

Height = 100 cm (39.4")

Width = 88 cm (34.6")

Depth = 7 cm (2.8")

Description

This charming picture, which has been signed and dated: H. Pickering pinxt 1752 is a type favoured by the highly successful artist Henry Pickering. Pickering's painting life, from 1740 to around 1770, spanned the period in which British art established a national identity and throughout the period this artist, familiar with contemporary Italian portraiture, played a dignified role. The sitter has been portrayed in a luxurious shot silk dress, with a large bow on the bodice, and large gathered sleeves. The sitter bears a striking resemblance to a portrait of 'Mrs Rowe' by the artist, also dated 1752 (sold Christies London 14 March 1952, Lot 94). Pickering painted several similar portraits on this model in the 1750s and there are versions with the exact pose and attire in extant. The treatment of the folds of fabric is quite striking. This portrait balances a Caledonian grace and restraint in the personification of the sitter with a rococo love of luxurious, pastel fabrics reflecting the light. A feature is the exquisite finely carved period frame – which is quite a work of art in itself. Henry Pickering was a fashionable and highly successful artist. He travelled t...

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