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Portrait of a Gentleman in
Armour and Mauve Cloak
c.1740; Studio of Louis Tocqué
(1696–1772), Antique oil on
canvas painting

Price

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Item Reference: SA1065609

Date of manufacture: 17th Century

Dimensions

Height = 97 cm (38.2")

Width = 84 cm (33.1")

Depth = 8 cm (3.1")

Description

The sitter in this superb portrait is shown with the grandiloquence characteristic of the eighteenth-century French school of painting. The young nobleman has been portrayed wearing an ingeniously embellished French ceremonial armour, a mauve cloak, and an abundance of cascading curls falling below his shoulders. Our portrait proclaims to every onlooker that this is a superior being. The manner in which portraits were painted was set out by the terms of the commission and usually marked significant life events such as a betrothal, a death, elevation of rank... but they almost always emphasised the wealth and importance of the sitter. This type of portrait had become a standard format for aristocratic portraiture in Europe during the last quarter of the seventeenth century up to the middle of eighteenth century. Incorporated into the background was often a raging battlefield or a military encampment; our portrait is free from these trappings and contains a dramatic moody sky ensures the viewer focuses mainly on the subject. The features of the sitter's face have been captured with great sensitivity, his confident gaze perhaps reflecting the near invincibility afforded ...

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