

SA1069993

Portrait of Beatrice Cenci - Antique Oil Painting

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA1069993****Date of manufacture: 18th Century**

Dimensions

Height = 75 cm (29.5")

Width = 62 cm (24.4")

Depth = 5 cm (2.0")

Description

Interesting portrait of Beatrice Cenci wearing a pale blue turban after Ginevra Cantofoli/Guido Reni. The painting has been relined and cleaned and is in excellent condition. This is probably an 18th century version of this painting. It is mounted in an antique French Empire frame. The Portrait of Beatrice Cenci is a painting once attributed to the Italian Baroque painter Guido Reni but now to Ginevra Cantofoli. It is housed in the Galleria Nazionale d'Arte Antica of Palazzo Barberini, Rome. The painting dealt with a controversial topic of Beatrice Cenci, a woman who was executed by Papal authorities, specifically Pope Clement VIII Aldobrandini. The painter of this work has been highly debated, with many previous critics assigning the work to Elisabetta Sirani, and categorizing it as a statement by a 17th-century feminist. She is depicted in the white robes of a Roman Sybil or perhaps a vestal virgin, evoking sympathy. She looks back melancholic at an angle backward. Tradition holds that he painted the work for the Cardinal Ascanio Colonna. The work has inspired many romantic artists including Stendhal, Percy Shelley, Dumas, Artaud, and Guerrazzi. The debate over the aut...

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