

SA108001**SOLD...Portrait of a Gentleman
c.1660; Circle of Lely**

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA108001****Date of manufacture: Before 1700**

Description

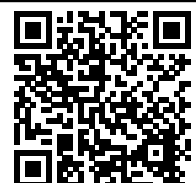
Oil on canvas in an 18th century carved and giltwood frame. An elegant young man wearing the 'undress' clothing fashionable at the time. He has a diamond at his throat and other large diamonds and pearls across his chest. (Until the 19th c. all diamonds were flat or table cut and thus appear as black gems in portraiture). The sitter looks out rather wistfully and his right hand goes towards his heart; there is clearly an element of romance in the way he has chosen to be depicted. SIR PETER LELY (1618 - 1680) was the most important portraitist in the reign of Charles II, although he had painted portraits throughout the Commonwealth. Principal Painter to the King, he painted everyone of importance, maintaining a busy and active Studio to help with the huge demand for his portraits. Members of his Circle, many of them talented artists in their own right, emulated his style to supply this constant market. SIZE:35 x 28.5 inches inc. frame. PROVENANCE: Suffolk Private Collection.

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