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18th Portrait Circle of James Maubert Oil Painting Of Young Boy And Pet Spaniel Dog

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA1083863****Date of manufacture: 18th Century**

Dimensions

Height = 97 cm (38.2")

Width = 86 cm (33.9")

Depth = 11 cm (4.3")

Description

In this portrait the artist has portrayed the boy as a fashionable young gentleman sitting in the grounds of his estate. Very Cute looking face. Only the playful attention of a small dog suggests anything less than patrician dignity. It is possible that the artist's presentation of the child was dictated by the sitter's parents and is a product of the British practice of primogeniture, whereby the eldest son inherits everything: here, the proud heir and first of a new line is portrayed with the soon-to-be-his family estates in the background. Dogs appearing in portraits such as this were often a symbol for fidelity, trust and loyalty. His clothing is of a member of the gentry. Until the late eighteenth century children were dressed as adults - boys were dressed like men in breeches, vests, and coats between four and seven years of age. From the 1860s, the rite of passage became the move from short to long trousers. Before the twentieth century, girls and women both wore dresses and skirts all their lives, skirt lengths generally increasing with age. ARTIST : Circle of James Maubert (1666-1746) James Maubert was born in Dublin in 1666, the son of a French ...

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