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Mid-18th-Century German School, Portrait Of A Girl With A Cherry Basket - Antique Oil Painting

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA1087127****Date of manufacture: 18th Century**

Dimensions

Height = 79 cm (31.1")

Width = 66 cm (26.0")

Depth = 4 cm (1.6")

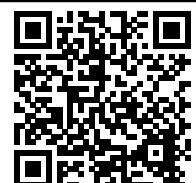
Description

This charming mid-18th-century German oil painting depicts a girl wearing a pink bell-shaped gown, white apron, and cap while holding a basket of cherries. Commissioned for a family home, this gentle portrayal captures a loving image of a treasured daughter. Dressed in her fineries including, what appears to be, a pearl necklace, she's the image of her mother. The inclusion of a cherry basket is not an uncommon one, particularly during the 1740s, and symbolises both purity and faith. It's plausible that the association stems from Renaissance art and the various interpretations of the 'Madonna of the Cherries', such as those undertaken by Titian (1488/90-1576) and Quentin Metsys (1465/6-1530). Throughout history, various fruits have carried paradisial associations. In 1742, around the same time as this portrait, British artist William Hogarth (1697-1764) produced a delightful piece depicting 'The Graham Children' - Thomas, Henrietta, Anna Maria and Richard. Henrietta is holding two cherries from one stem, as we see here, in a similar reference to virtue. Housed a carved gilt frame, which is probably original. Medium: Oil on canvas Overall size: 26" x 31" / 66cm x 79c...

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