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c.1710 Portrait of Young Gentleman, Lord George Douglas with Bow and Arrow; Attributed to Charles D'Agar (1669-1723), Oil on Canvas Painting

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Item Reference: SA1089653

Date of manufacture: 18th Century

Dimensions

Height = 148 cm (58.3")

Width = 124 cm (48.8")

Depth = 5 cm (2.0")

Description

Depicted with bow in hand and situated against an Arcadian backdrop this young gentleman represents a fine example of portraiture at the turn of the 18th century. The present painting is striking in its grand scale and also its quality. The sitter is said to be Lord George Douglas and there is another painting by D'Agar in the Buccleuch collection at Drumlanrig Castle, Dumfriesshire. The story of Drumlanrig Castle began in the 14th Century when William, the son of James, 2nd Earl of Drumlanrig (who died at Otterburn in 1388) became the 1st Laird of Drumlanrig. Over the decades the Douglas family stayed close to the monarchy. A relationship, which as you'd expect, benefitted both the Douglasses and the royals. However the relationship did have its difficult times and James Douglas was one of the Lords responsible for driving Mary Queen of Scots out of the country in 1567. Yet Mary's son, James VI and I, chose to visit Drumlanrig in 1617 and the royal bond continued to strengthen. William, 3rd Earl of Queensberry, was very loyal to Charles II and was made 1st Duke of Queensberry in 1684. Since the 15th Century, the Scotts of Buccleuch have played a leading part in the l...

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