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c.1720 Portrait of a Lady in a Blue Silk Dress; Circle of Jonathan Richardson (1667-1745), Antique oil on canvas painting

Price

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Item Reference: SA1099990

Date of manufacture: 18th Century

Dimensions

Height = 95 cm (37.4")

Width = 73.5 cm (28.9")

Depth = 6 cm (2.4")

Description

This beautiful portrait was painted circa 1725 and is a fine example of the English eighteenth century portrait style. The artist has chosen to depict the lady in a simple blue silk dress and without jewelry or a background, thus allowing the viewer to concentrate solely on the beauty of the sitter. The effect of this restrained manner creates a sense of understated elegance. The portrait genre was valued particularly highly in English society. Neither landscapes nor allegorical pictures were ever priced so highly at exhibitions and in the trade as depictions of people, from the highest aristocracy to scholars, writers, poets and statesmen. With the rich colouring and lyrical characterisation, these works are representative of the archetypal English portrait and is are very appealing examples of British portraiture. Contained within a fine gilded antique frame. Jonathan Richardson the Elder (1667-1745) was one of the most influential figures in the visual arts of 18th century England and also an accomplished poet. Richardson has been described as "the ablest of the painters who came to prominence during the last decade of Kneller's life and who flourished after his...

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