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Thomas Benjamin Kennington, Portrait Of Agnes Chichester - Antique Oil Painting

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA1104650****Date of manufacture: 1890**

Dimensions

Height = 78 cm (30.7")

Width = 56 cm (22.0")

Depth = 4 cm (1.6")

Description

This splendid late-19th-century oil painting by British artist Thomas Benjamin Kennington (1856-1916) depicts Miss Agnes Chichester in a wooded area before a garden landscape. She commissioned it as a wedding gift for her future husband, Sir Dixon Hartland MP. Adorned in a sumptuous sheer turquoise gown trimmed with gold lace, she steps towards the viewer with elegance and certainty. It's a sensitive portrayal, designed for the eyes of her loved one. The pair married on the 25th of April at St. Peter's in Belgravia - a neoclassical gem described as "one of the most beautiful churches in London". Amid an array of white blooms, ferns, and large palms, the hymn 'O perfect love, all human thought transcending,' captured the mood with poignancy. For the day itself, Miss Chichester opted for a "becoming gown of the richest white poul-de-soie and white satin brocade" - the skirt "veiled in beautiful lace", together with a long court train. "She wore a small spray of orange blossom and an exquisite Brussels lace veil" while her accessories "were a magnificent diamond tiara, diamond necklace, diamond/pearl bracelet and diamond/emerald bracelet". It was quite an ensemble. For s...

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