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Dated 1606 Portrait of Princess Elizabeth, later Queen of Bohemia; Circle of Robert Peake the Elder (c.1551-1626), Oil painting on panel

Price

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Item Reference: SA1110243

Date of manufacture: 17th Century

Dimensions

Height = 81 cm (31.9")

Width = 65 cm (25.6")

Depth = 5 cm (2.0")

Description

This ravishing portrait is said to represent Elizabeth Stuart, a British princess, who from 1619 was the titular queen of Bohemia. The resplendent costume and exquisite ornamented fabrics amply reflect her wealth and status. Her patterned silk dress is decorated with stylised floral sprigs and she is wearing a fortune of heavily encrusted (black) diamond, ruby, gold, and pearl jewellery in the form of a large pendant and armband, sewn onto her right arm, a rosette on a pearl necklace, earrings, and in her coif. The exuberant headdress with feathered egret was fashionable at the time. The transparent stiff flaring collar is supported by a silk-covered wire frame. Born in Scotland on 19 August 1596, Elizabeth was the only daughter of James VI of Scotland and I of England and Anne of Denmark. She was named Elizabeth in honour of the then-ageing English Queen, Elizabeth I, who had remained childless. Charles, the younger brother of his sister by four years, was perceived as feeble and improbable to live through to adulthood. Consequently, James placed his aspirations for the continuation of the dynasty and the marriages of his children in his eldest son, Henry Frederick...

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