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**MID 18TH CENTURY OIL ON
CANVAS BRITISH SCHOOL
CONVERSATION PIECE -
ATTRIBUTED TO JOHN GILES
ECCARDT (1720-1779)**

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA1116197****Date of manufacture: 18th Century**

Dimensions

Height = 58 cm (22.8")

Width = 74 cm (29.1")

Depth = 2 cm (0.8")

Description

The stage is set for this charming, diminutive and high quality 18th century portrait of a family on a terrace attributed to John Giles Eccardt (1720-1779). This sensitively rendered survivor from an age of elegance, is in fact a 'conversation piece' a type of informal group portrait popular in the 18th century. Usually small in scale they depict groups of family or friends in domestic interiors or garden settings. A rare and jewel like example, this painting shows a high status family in repose. A father deep in thought, a mother nursing a baby, and an inquisitive brother and sister sporting shimmering brightly coloured Van Dyke costumes. They are framed by romantic architectural elements, which are softened by rambling roses. This fine painting has been recently conserved and is ready to hang and enjoy in a wonderful hand carved eighteenth century gilt frame. John Gile Eccardt (1720-1779) was a German-born British Portrait painter. He came to England in the company of the French painter Jean-Baptiste van Loo for whom he worked as an assistant. When Van Loo left the country Eccardt chose to remain and he established a portrait-painting business many of his work...

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