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Portrait of a Young Lady in an Elaborate Ruff, dated 1617; Circle of Frans Pourbus the Younger (1569–1622), Oil on canvas painting

Price

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Item Reference: SA1124743

Date of manufacture: 17th Century

Dimensions

Height = 68 cm (26.8")

Width = 68 cm (26.8")

Depth = 6 cm (2.4")

Description

This exquisite portrait is a particularly splendid example of the sumptuous female portraits that were painted for members of European courts, during the early part of the 1600's, and designed to convey an image of courtly majesty. Dress was a key component in portraits and the dress as seen in this portrait portrays to every onlooker that this woman sits within the upper echelons of society. The colour black was one of the costliest fabrics to purchase and maintain, and it is juxtaposed against the white to great effect. The sitter's face is almost completely enveloped in her enormous needlepoint collar, with three superimposed layers. This type of collar was an extraordinary costly item and a great indicator of wealth. Here, it has been depicted with great precision. Full slashed sleeves (manches ballonnees) emphasise the width across the upper part of the body. A fortune of jewellery is displayed as an intricate gold and enamel filigree collar (chain necklace) with diamonds, and pearls worn on a coronet and several ropes across the bodice. The expensive attire proclaims to every onlooker that this is a superior being. The red carnation pinned in the hair is, ...

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