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Portrait of Lady Elizabeth Bertie nee Willoughby, Inscribed 1692; Attributed to Jan van der Vaart (c.1647-1727), Oil on canvas painting

Price

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Item Reference: SA1126967

Date of manufacture: 17th Century

Dimensions

Height = 147 cm (57.9")

Width = 121 cm (47.6")

Depth = 7 cm (2.8")

Description

This elegant work formed part of the collection of family pictures and heirlooms of the Earls of Abingdon, descendants of the sitter, at their magnificent family estate Wytham Abbey near Oxford. Described as 'one of the loveliest houses in England', Queen Elizabeth I, Oliver Cromwell and Queen Victoria all visited this house of marble fireplaces, oak staircases, grandly-proportioned rooms and secret doorways disguised as bookcases. The portrait was painted by Jan van der Vaart (1647-1721) who was a Dutch painter, art restorer, and collector born in Haarlem, Netherlands. The classical elements portray a sense of a cultivation and a learned lady, and the architecture, exuberant draperies, and large black diamond and pearl jewels portray wealth; the sitter was a paragon of the elite society that she belonged to. The confident rendering of the dress and the thickly drawn copious hair are hallmarks of Van der Vaart's work. Inscribed lower left "Eliz. Wife of Hon. James Bertie, Dau. of Geo. 7th Ld. Willoughby, 1692 of Parham". Born Elizabeth Willoughby on 26th April 1673, the sitter was the only surviving daughter of the English peer, George Willoughby, 7th Baron Willoughby...

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