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Jan De Baen, Portrait Of A Gentleman - Antique Oil Painting

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Item Reference: SA1133026

Date of manufacture: 17th Century

Dimensions

Height = 130 cm (51.2")

Width = 109 cm (42.9")

Depth = 6 cm (2.4")

Description

This fine, late-17th-century oil painting by Dutch artist Jan de Baen (1633-1702) depicts a gentleman wearing a sumptuous brown cloak atop a burgundy silk coat. De Baen was a renowned Golden Age portraitist who worked predominantly in The Hague for distinguished aristocratic patrons. Upstanding, with his left hand nonchalantly draped over a classical plinth, he conveys an air of complete self-assurance. His attire is an uncomplicated display of the finest materials, while his expression suggests a kindly demeanour. It's one of de Baen's better portrayals and captures the sitter's spirit with finesse and bravura. The right hand is particularly successful, held in reverse on the hip to demonstrate the artist's superior handling. Hailing from Haarlem in the Dutch Republic, de Baen's father worked in the flourishing linen and flax trade at a time when the city was at the heart of linen production. European merchants sent their wares to the city for bleaching and finishing, as described in Jacob van Ruisdael's 'View of Haarlem with Bleaching Fields'. It's conceivable that de Baen would've pursued the same vocation, especially given the abundance of opportunities, but by the...

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