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Frans Van Der Mij, Portrait Of A Gentleman - Antique Oil Painting

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA1133826****Date of manufacture: 1750**

Dimensions

Height = 87 cm (34.3")

Width = 75 cm (29.5")

Depth = 5 cm (2.0")

Description

This mid-19th-century oil painting by Dutch artist Frans van der Mij (1719-1783) depicts a gentleman in half-length wearing a white stock, grey woollen coat, powdered wig, and ivory waistcoat. It's presented in a feigned oval. Van der Mij was an exceedingly talented portraitist, renowned for his 'considerable merit as an artist' but also his apparent lack of decorum. Standing in a forthright fashion, with his chest out, silver embroidery gleaming, and silk waistcoat shimmering, it's a display of comfortable wealth and status. It's 1758, he's unquestionably completed his Grand Tour and matured into a man of substance. It's interesting to compare his attire with that of the four younger men in Nathaniel Dance's conversation piece from around the same time. Born in Düsseldorf, Germany, van der Mij's early tuition was provided by his father, Herman van der Mij (1684-1741), an esteemed painter of portraits and flower pieces. Several of his siblings also established themselves as artists of note, especially his younger brother, George van der Mij (1723-1763) and sister Cornelia van der Mij (1709-1782), who worked for a time in the circle of Rachel Ruysch (1664-1750). B...

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