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Johannes Vollevens I, Portrait Of A Lady In A Rich Blue Gown With A Spaniel - Antique Oil Painting

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA1137911****Date of manufacture: 17th Century**

Dimensions

Height = 126 cm (49.6")

Width = 104 cm (40.9")

Depth = 6 cm (2.4")

Description

This splendid late 17th-century three-quarter length portrait by Dutch artist Johannes Vollevens I (1649-1728) depicts a lady wearing a plush blue satin gown with a low, lace-trimmed neckline. Her beloved spaniel crouches alongside. Dressed in the finest, exceedingly well-tailored attire, she's evidently a lady of considerable means. Her sleeves are embellished with elaborate lace cuffs, and a string of delicate pearls encircles her neck. Her pale complexion, which is probably the result of excessive cosmetics, indicates her high social status. Wrapped around her waist, she rests her right hand on a piece of sumptuous silver fabric, which is beautifully embroidered with gold. During the 1670s/80s, ladies often displayed items adorned with metallic lace, such as their petticoats, as seen here in this work by Jan van Haensbergen (1641-1705). <https://www.christies.com/en/lot/lot-5790436> The inclusion of a playful spaniel is an interesting one as it could serve two purposes. On first glance, it's simply a loyal pet, eager for the attention of its doting owner. However, small dogs were also a symbol of passive spouses, so it could be a commentary on the ladies' resilient c...

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