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Jacob Huysmans (Attributed), Portrait Of A Lady With Pearls, Mid-17th-Century Oil Painting

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA1159994****Date of manufacture: 17th Century**

Dimensions

Height = 94 cm (37.0")

Width = 82 cm (32.3")

Depth = 5 cm (2.0")

Description

This splendid mid-17th-century half-length portrait attributed to Flemish artist, Jacob Huysmans (c.1630-1696) depicts a lady wearing a brown and ivory dress decorated with pearls, together with a pearl necklace and earrings. It's presented in a decorative cartouche. Deliberately nonchalant and somewhat seductive, she rests her right arm upon her cheek, which draws attention to her alluring eyes. Her hair, a work of art in itself, is ornately worn in numerous curls - one of which is draped over her left shoulder. Her pose is inspired by the numerous portraits by Sir Peter Lely (1618-1680) depicting Charles II's court beauty, Barbara Villiers (1640-1709), the Duchess of Cleveland. As you can imagine, the depiction of her resting an arm and looking directly at the viewer with a longing expression, captured the minds of admirers. This, in turn, led to numerous portraits of a similar nature, as we see here. This particular piece is rendered with great skill and is characteristic of Huysmans' spirited brushwork. The cartouche is distinct and unusual, while the pearls are loose in their handling and described with confidence. The lady's identity is unknown but it's been sugg...

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