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John Verelst (Circle), Large Portrait Of A Young Lady With Flowers & Spaniel Before A Country House, 18th-Century Oil Painting

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA1162534****Date of manufacture: 18th Century**

Dimensions

Height = 149 cm (58.7")

Width = 122 cm (48.0")

Description

This large early 18th-century full-length portrait depicts a seated young lady before a classical column and distant country house. It was formerly in the collection of Dalham Hall in Suffolk. Wrapped in a fine pale blue cloak with a yellow bodice and gathered sleeves, she represents the height of fashion despite her tender years. The classically-inspired setting conveys a sense of grandeur and the permanency of the aristocracy. The inclusion of an obedient spaniel is an interesting one and could be a light-hearted reference to the willingness of a future spouse. Dalham Hall is a Queen Anne style country house, dating to 1705, near Newmarket in Suffolk. During the early 18th century, it was home to the Affleck family (1714-1901), and this is likely to be a portrait of one of Sir Gilbert Affleck's (c.1684-1764) daughters. These included Anne (1706-1793), Elizabeth (1713-1748), Catherine (1718-1760), Mary (1723-1773), and Charlotte (1724-1820). The outfit dates to circa 1725, so Catherine appears to be the most likely candidate. It's conceivable that the portrait remained at Dalham until 1901 when Sir Robert Affleck (1852-1919) sold the hall after being defrauded by his s...

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