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John Downman "Portrait of a Lady" pencil drawing

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA1164630****Date of manufacture: 1800**

Dimensions

Height = 23 cm (9.1")

Width = 30 cm (11.8")

Depth = 3 cm (1.2")

Description

John Downman (1749-1824) was a British painter and draughtsman, mainly of portraits. He was a pupil of Benjamin West, before becoming part of the first intake of students at the Royal Academy in 1769. In 1773-5 he visited Italy with Joseph Wright. After his return to England he became a leading fashionable portraitist. His success depended partly on his speed of work, and from the 1780s he relinquished oils in favour of a distinctive technique that enabled him to produce portraits in great quantity, using black chalk lightly tinted with watercolour. He lived mainly in London, but he travelled widely about the country, often staying in great houses while he produced a series of portraits of members of the family. The present picture "Portrait of a Young Lady" is a pencil drawing measuring 6"x 5". It is signed lower right and dated 1791. It is framed in a nice period oval gilt frame giving an overall size of 9"x 8"

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