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Portrait of a Lady & Portrait of Gentleman in Velvet & Silk Attire c.1700; Circle of Nicolas de Largilliere (1656-1746), Oil on canvas

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Item Reference: SA1166531

Date of manufacture: 18th Century

Dimensions

Height = 106 cm (41.7")

Width = 91 cm (35.8")

Depth = 9.5 cm (3.7")

Description

These lavish portraits, painted circa 1700, illustrate the elegant and exuberant type of portrait that the French court and the bourgeoisie favoured at the end of the 17th century. They combine a meticulous representation of the subject's face and rich detailed draperies. They are a mastery of colour and of a style perfected by the prestigious painter and Director of the Académie Royale de Peinture et de Sculpture in Paris, Nicolas de Largilliere. France during this period was the leading exponent of fashion and the arts to the rest of Europe and the fashions arose from the French court itself – and this is evident in the clothing on display in these portraits. The gentleman has been depicted in a russet coat with golden thread embroidery, a white lace cravat, and a rich crimson velvet mantle, that has been deliberately turned over at the top to reveal its purple shot silk lining. The young beautiful lady, whose face is painted with a clear and fresh palette, wears a dress with golden embroidery on the bodice and a huge black diamond brooch, large balloon-like gathered sleeves with lace and tied with a string of pearls, and a luxurious azure blue velvet mantle, tie...

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