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Gortzius Geldorp & Workshop (Attributed), Portrait Of Conrad Scheiffart Von Merode Zu Weilerswist - Antique Oil Painting

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA1194773****Date of manufacture: 17th Century**

Dimensions

Height = 100 cm (39.4")

Width = 84 cm (33.1")

Depth = 6 cm (2.4")

Description

This distinguished early 17th-century portrait, attributed to Flemish Renaissance artist Gortzius Geldorp (1553-1618), depicts Conrad Scheiffart von Merode zu Weilerswist, a Rhenish nobleman and later Commander of the Order of St John. The sitter is shown half-length against a plain, dark ground - his gaze is steady and alert. The head is handled with exceptional sensitivity: the modelling of the eyes, the subtle transitions of flesh, and the restrained articulation of the beard and hair all speak of a masterly hand. The longer one looks, the more the face holds together - a hallmark of a painter trained to observe both figurative structure and moral presence simultaneously. He wears a buff-coloured jerkin of treated leather over finely embroidered sleeves, paired with a falling-band collar edged in reticella lace - attire entirely consistent with Rhenish noble fashion around 1600. The costume is painted with assurance and fluency, and its execution suggests workshop participation under the direction of the master. This division of labour was standard practice in Geldorp's Cologne studio, where the painter himself would often reserve the head for his own hand while assi...

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