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John Miers, Miniature Silhouette Portrait in Pendant Signed

Price

GBP 325

| USD \$440 | EUR 380

Item Reference: SA1200786

Date of manufacture: 18th Century

Dimensions

Height = 4.4 cm (1.7")

Width = 3.6 cm (1.4")

Description

It was early on in John Miers's career that he began to advertise his ability to reduce profiles to a small size 'for Rings, Breast Pins, Bracelets &c., also for Watch Papers ... the likeness perfectly preserved'. It seems probable therefore that he originally painted this lady's profile on plaster before scaling it down to a size appropriate to be worn as a pendant. With great skill the detail of the lady's curled wig and banging chignon have all been beautifully retained. Dating to the 1790s and signed Miers under the bust-line, the silhouette is set in a gold pendant frame that is glazed reverse to show neatly plaited brown hair. Size: 44 x 36mm Provenance: Acquired for the Christie Collection from 'Polly' Perkins in 1941 Ivory Exemption Ref.: YYULJNAP

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