

**SA1208859**

## Portrait of Beatrice Cenci - Antique Oil Painting

Price

**Sold****Item Reference: SA1208859****Date of manufacture: 18th Century**

### Dimensions

Height = 88 cm (34.6")

Width = 71 cm (28.0")

Depth = 3 cm (1.2")

## Description

Oil on canvas of Beatrice Cenci wearing turban after Ginevra Cantofoli/Guido Reni mounted in a stunning Italian carved, wooden gilt frame. Both the frame and painting date from the 18th century and the frame has had one of its corners replaced. It is a beautifully painted portrait of the subject. There is a Italian sticker on the rear. The Portrait of Beatrice Cenci is a painting once attributed to the Italian Baroque painter Guido Reni but now to Ginevra Cantofoli. It is housed in the Galleria Nazionale d'Arte Antica of Palazzo Barberini, Rome. The painting dealt with a controversial topic of Beatrice Cenci, a woman who was executed by Papal authorities, specifically Pope Clement VIII Aldobrandini. The painter of this work has been highly debated, with many previous critics assigning the work to Elisabetta Sirani, and categorizing as a statement by a 17th-century feminist. She is depicted in the white robes of a Roman Sybil or perhaps a vestal virgin, evoking sympathy. She looks back melancholic at an angle backward. Tradition holds that he painted the work for the Cardinal Ascanio Colonna. The work has inspired many romantic artists including Stendhal, Percy She...

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