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Portrait of an Elegant Lady with Her Pet Dog, c.1690–1700; Studio of Sir Godfrey Kneller (1646–1723), oil on canvas

Price

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Item Reference: SA1219090

Date of manufacture: 17th Century

Dimensions

Height = 140 cm (55.1")

Width = 116 cm (45.7")

Depth = 9.5 cm (3.7")

Description

A grand and highly decorative late Stuart portrait of a young lady with her pet dog, painted circa 1690–1700 and attributed to the Studio of Sir Godfrey Kneller (1646–1723), the leading portrait painter in England at the turn of the eighteenth century. The sitter is shown three-quarter-length, seated in a wooded landscape, wearing a rich golden-brown gown over a white chemise. Resting affectionately at her lap is a small pet dog, an elegant and meaningful addition which in late seventeenth-century portraiture could symbolise fidelity, affection, domestic virtue and refined aristocratic leisure. The result is a particularly engaging image: formal enough for the grand portrait tradition, yet warmer and more intimate than many conventional country-house likenesses. The painting belongs to a recognised type used by Kneller and his studio in the 1690s, in which fashionable female sitters are shown seated in landscape settings, often in loosely draped semi-classical dress. Comparable examples include are in National Trust collections and demonstrate how Kneller's studio reused and adapted successful compositional formulae for elite patrons. Although the sitter is currently u...

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