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WILLIAM WISSING (1656 - 1687) - PORTRAIT OF A LADY TRADITIONALLY IDENTIFIED AS LOUSIE DE KEROUAILLE

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA1219142****Date of manufacture: 17th Century**

Dimensions

Height = 148 cm (58.3")

Width = 122 cm (48.0")

Depth = 4 cm (1.6")



Description

A fine, rare and large scale 17th century portrait of an elegant raven-haired beauty by an artist in the circle of William Wissing. The noble sitter (traditionally identified as Louise de Kérouaille, Duchess of Portsmouth) is depicted three quarter length seated upon a bank in front of a rocky outcrop with an extensive wooded valley landscape beyond. She appears delightfully deshabille, expensively dressed in the high status and fashionable brightly coloured silk clothing of the period. Gold or saffron coloured robes such as the one worn by our sitter were extremely fashionable and costly. Her white chemise is trimmed in lace and her costume has a low and wide neckline that reveals her décolletage, it also has jewelled fastenings. To complete the look her hair is worn in curls, some of which are piled vertiginously atop her head, whilst others cascade naturalistically around her bare shoulders. It is also worth noting the expressive use of the sitters lower arms as a focus of attention and site of erotic appeal, as she caresses a glistening string of pearls between her fingers. Throughout the 17th century there was a thriving trade in pearls, which were transport...

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