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Portrait of Lady Diana Bruce,
Duchess of Rutland, in a Blue
Dress with Cut Sleeves
c.1660-1670, Oil on canvas
painting

Price

GBP 5,950

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Item Reference: SA1222814

Date of manufacture: 17th Century

Dimensions

Height = 88 cm (34.6")

Width = 79 cm (31.1")

Depth = 5 cm (2.0")

Description

Presented is a captivating portrait of the noble Lady Diana Bruce; it is an exemplary work from the highly fashionable and influential circle of Sir Peter Lely. Created circa 1660-1670, this striking painting offers a rare glimpse into the opulent world of the English Restoration court and aristocracy, a period of cultural resurgence and political intrigue following the turbulent years of the English Civil War and the Interregnum. The subject of this portrait is Lady Diana Bruce, a woman of truly remarkable lineage and social standing in the seventeenth century. Born circa 1648, she was the daughter of Robert Bruce, 1st Earl of Ailesbury, and Lady Diana Grey. Her aunt was the ill-fated Lady Jane Grey (1537-1554), the nominal Queen of England for just nine days in 1553 during the tumultuous succession crisis following the death of King Edward VI. Lady Diana's life was marked by two marriages and a tragically early death. On January 29, 1666, she married her first husband, Sir Seymour Shirley, 5th Baronet. They lived at the Shirley family seat, Staunton Harold Hall in Leicestershire. She bore him one son, Robert Shirley, who was born posthumously after Sir Seymour's death...

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