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NORTHERN EUROPEAN SCHOOL C.1660 - PORTRAIT OF KING WILLIAM III AS A BOY.

Price

GBP 11,950

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Item Reference: SA1225565

Date of manufacture: 17th Century

Dimensions

Height = 136 cm (53.5")

Width = 110 cm (43.3")

Depth = 4 cm (1.6")

Description

NORTHERN EUROPEAN SCHOOL C.1660 - PORTRAIT OF KING WILLIAM III AS A BOY. A rare and charming portrait of King William III of Great Britain and Ireland as a boy with his pet dog. This highly decorative portrait exhibits a clear baroque aesthetic – with exuberant patterned costume, the use of chiaroscuro and the swag of red drapery above the sitter. The aristocratic young sitter is depicted full length upon a terrace with a balustrade and landscape beyond. He has wide eyes, rosebud lips and hair which tumbles around his shoulders. A key indicator of young children's dress is the leading string just visible, emerging on the right of the child's body under the elbow, and distinguishable at waist height. Leading strings were two lined strips of fabric that fell vertically to three-quarters of the way down the body, one from each shoulder and they were a useful means to grab hold of and steer a wayward toddler. During the seventeenth century boys and girls wore very similar clothing. Both girls and boys wore skirts until boys were 'breeched' – i.e. put into breeches (short trousers) between the ages of five and seven. After the age of seven boys wore clothing very similar...

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