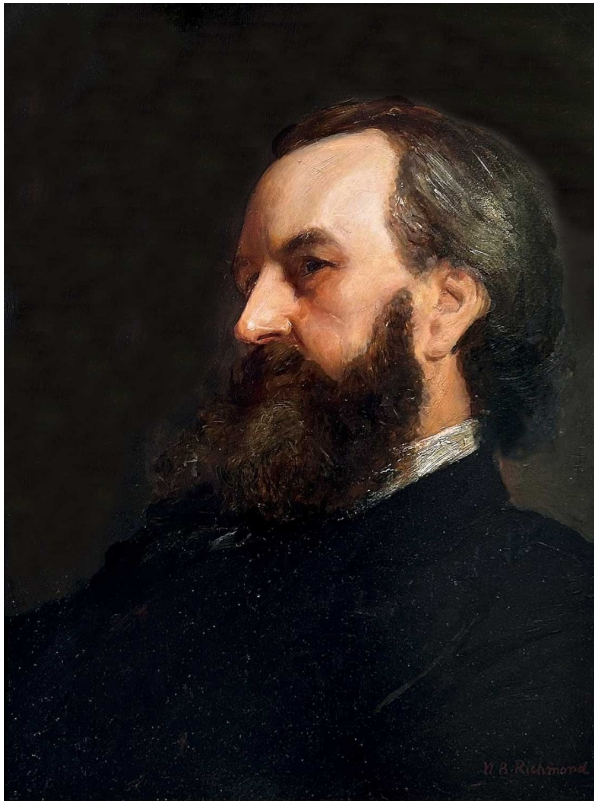


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William Blake Richmond Portrait of a Gentleman

Price

GBP 6,500

| USD \$8,796 | EUR 7,606

Item Reference: SA1226346

Date of manufacture: Victorian

Dimensions

Height = 86 cm (33.9")

Width = 71.5 cm (28.1")

Description

Oil on panel, signed lower right Image size: 17 ½ x 23 ¾ inches (44.7 x 60.6 cm) Original Watts frame Although his identity is unknown, the sitter of this portrait has a remarkable presence. Dressed in a smart black jacket with his hair neatly combed back, he has the air of a distinguished, upper class gentleman. After all, only someone of immense wealth or importance would have been able to afford such a large commissioned portrait. Richmond had represented his sitter with immense detail, with each individual hair on his head and beard being distinct - even a few white and grey hairs are apparent. Additionally, the texture of the hair is incredibly accurate - compare the wiry texture of the sitter's beards with the smooth, glossy representation of his hair. Richmond demonstrates a masterful approach to depicting light, an aspect particularly noticeable in regard to the sitter's skin. Different areas are cast in shade and in light, with Richmond using different tints of skin coloured paint to accurately render how skin would reflect low light levels. William Blake Richmond Sir William Blake Richmond KCB, RA, PPRBSA was an English portrait painter, sculptor and a design...

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