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Oliver Messel Portrait of a Young Man

Price

GBP 7,000

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Item Reference: SA1226467

Date of manufacture: 1930

Dimensions

Height = 76.2 cm (30.0")

Width = 63.4 cm (25.0")

Description

Oil on canvas, signed and dated 'Oliver Messel 1930' on the stretcher Image size: 30 x 25 inches (76.2 x 63.4 cm) Original frame Oliver Messel was born to Leonard and Maud Messel, née Sambourne, on the 13 January 1904 and was the youngest of three children. The Messels originated from a line of German Jewish bankers on Leonard's side, however, both family lines boast a number of artistic influences, including Maud's father. They were also affiliated with artists and writers and were keen collectors of art, filling their home with textiles, paintings and collections of European and Asian fans from travels abroad. Oliver was schooled at Eton but rather than going up to university was encouraged by family friends, gallery owner Archie Propert and painter and sculptor Glyn Philpot, to attend art school. In 1922 he enrolled at the Slade School of Fine Art in London, where he studied under Henry Tonks. Here, he met the artist Rex Whistler with whom he remained firm friends until Whistler's death in WW2. Upon leaving the Slade in 1924 Oliver was apprenticed to the studio of portrait artist John Wells, where he learnt various Old Master painting techniques, and met artists su...

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