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17TH CENTURY ENGLISH SCHOOL - PORTRAIT OF A NOBLEWOMAN IN ELABORATE COSTUME DATED 1624

Price

GBP 44,000

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Item Reference: SA1227279

Date of manufacture: 17th Century

Dimensions

Height = 98 cm (38.6")

Width = 89 cm (35.0")

Depth = 3 cm (1.2")

Description

A sumptuous and highly detailed 17th century Jacobean oil on canvas portrait of a lady of significant wealth and status. She wears her finery, reveals her most virtuous characteristics and gazes at us with an air of confidence befitting her 46 years. A latin inscription gives us her age and the date (1624) and conveys with it the notion that the sitter is well read, and both her clothing and deportment tell us that she is well-bred. Display is evidently important to this sitter. Her wealth and power are revealed in her choice of colours – red and black were both extremely expensive dyes. Many women would have worn black silk twists of ribbon at the wrist (and perhaps one beaded bracelet) to set off the desired pale complexion. This lady's show of red beaded bracelets is ostentatious and they would have been heavy and difficult to keep in the desired position. They are secured to stiffened starched linen cuffs with black silk 'twists' to decorate and disguise the pin. She invites us to admire her piety with a cross-shaped brooch, and perhaps the plainness of her linen (in place of very costly lace). Don't be fooled however as the black stones that glisten from her wrists...

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