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JOHN RUSSELL R.A. (1745-1806) PORTRAIT OF MISS MARY LINWOOD.

Price

GBP 12,000

| USD \$16,207 | EUR 14,035

Item Reference: SA1227887**Date of manufacture: 18th Century**

Dimensions

Height = 79.5 cm (31.3")

Width = 64 cm (25.2")

Depth = 4 cm (1.6")

Description

Fine pastel of Miss Mary Linwood (1755–1845), needlework artist and school mistress aged 19, with a book, entitled 'Da Vinci on Painting' signed signed J. Russell/1785 and housed in a carved gilt wood Carlo Maratta style frame. Mary Linwood (1755-1845) Both a needlework artist and school mistress, Mary Linwood was also an expert in needlepainting, the art of portrait creation through embroidery. She faithfully reproduced oils and other paintings by exchanging brushstrokes for stitches, and she worked these in crewel wool with silk threads for highlights! She went on to produce a collection of 64 pictures and her fame grew as a result of her exhibitions. The first was in London in 1787 and of her creations (her copy of a painting by the Italian artist Salvator Rosa actually sold for more than the original. Mary exhibited globally including in Russia and met most of the crowned heads of Europe! Catherine The Great offered her £40,000 for her entire collection and the while the Tsar suggested £3,000 for just one example. Ultimately Miss Linwood preferred for her work to remain in England completing...

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