

SA1231617**GEORGE WILLISON
(1741-1797) - PORTRAIT OF
HENRIETTA FORDYCE (NEE
CUMMING).**

Price

GBP 22,000

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Item Reference: SA1231617**Date of manufacture: 18th Century**

Dimensions

Height = 145 cm (57.1")

Width = 120 cm (47.2")

Depth = 5 cm (2.0")

Description

Fine and graceful 18th century portrait of Henrietta Fordyce (nee Cumming) by the celebrated Scottish portrait artist George Willison (1734-1823). The elegant sitter is depicted three-quarter length reclining on a claret coloured chaise, amidst foliage. Wearing a white draped silk dress, she holds a fan in one hand and clasps a corsage to her bosom with the other. Her hair is piled elegantly upwards and secured by pearl ornaments.

Henrietta Fordyce (1734-1823)

Praised for her beauty and virtue.

Henrietta Fordyce (née Cumming) was a governess renowned for her educational role in aristocratic households, and later for being the wife of Reverend James Fordyce, DD (1720-1 October 1796) Scottish Presbyterian minister and poet. Born into a Scottish family, Fordyce received her early education in a French convent. Later in youth she began to be embedded in literary and social networks, and progressed to maintaining friendships with figures such as General Henry Seymour Conway and the poet Alison Cockburn. This exposure to Edinburgh's vibrant cultural milieu, amid the Scottish Enlightenment, shaped her developing ...

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