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18th century Portrait of a fashionable young lady in woven silk

Price

GBP 550

| USD \$750 | EUR 642

Item Reference: SA1232767

Date of manufacture: 18th Century

Dimensions

Height = 45 cm (17.7")

Width = 40 cm (15.7")

Depth = 3 cm (1.2")

Description

Held in a period gilt and glass frame Oval silk size visible: 35 x 29 cm (13 ¾ x 11 ½ in) Frame size: 45 x 40 cm (17 ½ x 16 in) Provenance: Private Collection, England This elegant silk woven image was created at the end of the 18th century probably in France. The subject is adorned in an elaborate, large-brimmed plumed hat decorated with feathers, which complements her voluminous, soft curls and a dramatic, layered ruffled collar. Her fashion is that of around the late 1780s and was popular in France. The artist Elisabeth Louise Vigée-Lebrun painted herself similarly in a straw hat. The entire silk is framed in an oval verre églomisé frame with gold-stenciled corner rosettes that enhance its antique, decorative appeal. Verre églomisé is a decorative technique where designs and metal leaf (such as gold or silver) are applied to the reverse side of a glass panel to create a mirrored, reflective, or layered effect and were very popular for the period. Importantly the silk is in good condition. There are no splits or pulls and the marks you see on the images are just darker threads.

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