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Portrait of a Young Nobleman 1611; Follower of Van Mierevelt

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Description

Oil on panel in 'cassetta' frame. Probably a marriage or betrothal portrait, painted in 1611 by a Follower of Van Mierevelt. Probably Flemish or Dutch, the young aristocrat, wearing the rigid Spanish fashions of the time, is depicted looking distant, aloof and of a subdued high-class distinction. The young man, aged 27, wears expensive and fashionably slashed clothing. This portrait would probably have been commissioned to commemorate a dynastic union of great and powerful families, his coat of arms is prominently displayed along with his age, 27, and the date 1611. At this time Spain controlled a large area known as the Spanish Netherlands, it was a portion of the Low Countries under their rule from the sixteenth to the eighteenth century. This region comprised the Netherlands and modern Belgium, Luxembourg, as well as part of northern France. Michiel Jansz. VAN MIEREVELT, Mierveldt or Mireveldt (1567 - 1641) was a Dutch Golden Age painter. His portrait style was extremely influential and he painted for most of the European Courts; he was much emulated. SIZE: 35 x 30.75 inches, inc. frame. PROVENANCE: Cheshire Private Collection.

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