

SA147281

Portrait of Christian de Beauvoir de Lisle 1916, by Leon Sprinck

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA147281****Date of manufacture: 1910**

Dimensions

Height = 79 cm (31.1")

Width = 69 cm (27.2")

Depth = 6.5 cm (2.6")

Description

Oil on canvas in original giltwood frame. This portrait is in exceptional original condition...it is unlined, never been cleaned (it has been under glass until now) and is bright and fresh. Signed and dated lower right. This beautiful portrait is painted with great sensitivity to the boy's face then considerable brio to the rest of the painting; in fact, with such dash and verve that some hairs were displaced from the artist's brushes and they remain as he left them. The sitter, aged 5, wearing the 'Little Lord Fauntleroy' suit fashionable for aristocratic children at the time, looks confidently out at the viewer. The time is 1916.... the middle of the Great War, and the boy's father was General Sir Henry de Beauvoir de Lisle (1864-1955), married to Leila Annette Brynt de Lisle (1877-1938). The general was a much decorated officer who had fought gallantly in Egypt and the Sudan. At this time he was General Officer Commanding 29 Division on the Western Front, Christian de Beauvoir de Lisle (1911-1994) was a member of an old and distinguished Channel Islands family and, like his father he joined the army and saw action in another war, World War II. At Cambridge Univers...

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