

SA14950

SOLD....Portrait of 'Miss Penelope Johnson' c. 1775, by Thomas Hickey

Price

Sold

Item Reference: SA14950

Date of manufacture:

Description

Oil on canvas in 18th c carved and giltwood frame. An excellent portrait of Penelope Johnson, an attractive and fashionably dressed young lady, painted c.1775 by Thomas Hickey. The sitter is within a feigned oval and in the background is a large country house in its estate; an elaborate bridge is visible to the foreground. THOMAS HICKEY (1741 - 1824) was born in Dublin, he studied under Benjamin West at Dublin Society Schools 1753-6, winning prizes. He travelled to Italy c.1760-6, returning to Dublin in 1767 where he exhibited 1768-70. He moved to London and entered the Royal Academy Schools in 1771, exhibiting at the RA 16 times between 1772 and 1792. In 1778 Hickey was working in Bath then embarked for India in 1780, but the ship was captured by the French en route and he was released at Cadiz. He proceeded by land to Lisbon, where he worked successfully 1782-4 before continuing on to India, arriving in Bengal in 1784. He took a large, handsome house in the most fashionable part of Calcutta and established a thriving business. Hickey returned to England in June 1791; he was portrait painter to Lord Macartney's expedition to China 1792-4. Probably in Dublin in 1796, ...

Internal Ref: 8402

Seller Details

Roy Precious - Antiques & Fine Art

Wiltshire United Kingdom



Tel: 01249 815048 or 07710 222273

International Tel: +44 1249 815048 or +44 7710 222273