

SA191573

**Portrait of a Young Gentleman
c. 1680; Attributed to Mary
Beale.**

Price

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Item Reference: SA191573

Date of manufacture: Before 1700

Description

Oil on canvas in 18th century giltwood frame. A fine portrait of a handsome young man; he looks directly and thoughtfully at the viewer. The sitter is contained within a feigned stone oval...a favourite conceit of the artist. The portrait is typical of the pleasant and direct manner in which Beale depicted her sitters. **MARY BEALE** (1633-1699) was born in Barrow, Suffolk, the daughter of John Cradock, a Puritan rector. Her mother, Dorothy, died when she was 10. Her father was an amateur painter, and member of the Painter-Stainers' Company, and she was acquainted with local artists, such as Nathaniel Thach, Matthew Snelling, Robert Walker and Peter Lely. In 1652, at the age of 18, she married Charles Beale, a cloth merchant from London - also an amateur painter. She became a semi-professional portrait painter in the 1650s and 1660s, working from her home, first in Covent Garden and later in Fleet Street. The family moved to a farmhouse in Allbrook, Hampshire in 1665 due to financial difficulties, her husband having lost his position as a patent clerk, and also due to the Great Plague of London. For the next five years, a 17th-century two storey timber-framed building was...

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