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**SOLD....Portrait of Queen Anne
c.1705; Circle of Dahl**

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Description

Oil on canvas in a superb carved and giltwood frame. QUEEN ANNE (1665-1714). The second daughter of James II, Anne married Prince George of Denmark in 1683, and succeeded William III to the throne in 1702. For the whole of her reign, which was a period of great glory, this kind and generous woman was surrounded by warring political factions. In her personal life she suffered greatly, all her many children dying in infancy. Only Prince William lived longer than the others, and his death aged eleven opened up the Hanoverian succession. In this elegant portrait, an exquisite version 'in little' of a life-size Court painting, she is shown as queen, draped in her robes of state and with her crown by her side. MICHAEL DAHL (1659-1743) was born in Stockholm; after studying in Paris, Rome and Frankfurt he settled in London in 1689. He soon became the best patronised portrait painter in England after Kneller. He was much employed at the Court painting many portraits. His style is extremely close to Kneller but his interpretation of character is less brash and more human. He has a quieter but somehow more understanding appeal to character which relies on its own integrity to ma...

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