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**Portrait of Philippe II, Duke of Orleans c.1706; Attributed to Jean-Baptiste Santerre.**

Price

**GBP 9,850**

| USD \$13,329 | EUR 11,525

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**Date of manufacture: 18th Century**

## Description

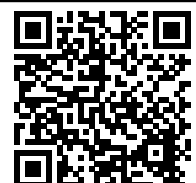
Oil on canvas in a good quality reproduction frame. This is a superb quality painting, the depiction of the various materials...silk, lace, gold, steel, hair and flesh is exquisite. Hands are often problematic with lesser artists but here they are totally realistic. The Duke wears the Bourbon white silk sash and holds the baton of command of a high ranking officer. PHILIPPE II, DUKE OF ORLEANS (1674-1723), Regent of France, the son of Philip I, duke of Orleans, and his second wife, the princess palatine, was born on the 2nd of August 1674, and had his first experience of arms at the siege of Mons in 1691. His marriage with Françoise-Marie de Bourbon, Mlle. de Blois, the legitimized daughter of Louis XIV, won him the favour of the king. He fought with distinction at Steinkerk, Neerwinden and Namur (1692-95). During the next few years, being without employment, he studied natural science. He was next given a command in Italy (1706) and in Spain (1707-08) where he gained some important successes, but he cherished lofty ambitions and was suspected of wishing to take the place of Philip V on the throne of Spain. Louis XIV was angry at these pretensions, and for a long time h...

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