

SA433700

Fabulous Portrait of Gentleman signed Thomas Beach 1736 - 1806

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA433700****Date of manufacture: 18th Century**

Dimensions

Height = 82 cm (32.3")

Width = 71 cm (28.0")

Depth = 5 cm (2.0")

Description

Fabulous Portrait of Gentleman signed Thomas Beach 1736 - 1806 Dated 1793 Beach was a West Country portraitist who studied under Reynolds. Beach was born at Milton Abbas, Dorset in 1738, and showed a strong predilection for art from an early age. In 1760, under the patronage of Lord Dorchester's family, he became a pupil of Sir Joshua Reynolds, while at the same time studying at the St. Martin's Lane Academy. He then settled at the fashionable resort of Bath, where he was much in demand for his portraits and portrait groups, which were usually of a small size.[1] He painted the actress Sarah Siddons several times. In his first portrait of her, painted in the winter of 1781-2, she is shown seated, in everyday clothes, holding a book. He depicted her again later in 1782, in one of his more ambitious works, an allegorical portrait inspired by Milton's *Il Penseroso*, in which she represented the personification of Melancholy.[2] In 1787 he painted Mrs. Siddons and John Kemble in the *Dagger Scene* in *Macbeth*, of which the actress wrote, "My brother's head is the finest I have ever seen, and the likest of the two".[1] He was a member of the Incorporated Society of Artists, a...

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