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Portrait of a Young Lady as Diana the Huntress c.1635; Circle of Jan Mytens

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA444317****Date of manufacture: 17th Century**

Dimensions

Height = 61 cm (24.0")

Width = 52 cm (20.5")

Depth = 8 cm (3.1")

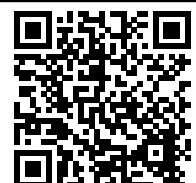
Description

Oil on panel in 18th c. gilt frame. The elaborate gilt frame presents this lovely little portrait like a jewel in a rich gold setting. The young sitter is depicted in an open landscape. This beautifully executed portrait captures the shimmering quality of the sitter's garments...the silk, fine linen and delicate gauze all compliment the delicacy with which the girl's face is painted. The fashionably, and expensively, dressed young lady is depicted as Diana the Huntress, goddess of the hunt, moon and birthing. The sitter holds a bow in one hand and an arrow in the other. The celestial character of Diana is reflected in her connection with light, inaccessibility, purity and virginity; all desirable attributes for a girl who was on the marriage market. JAN MYTENS (1614-1670) worked in The Hague as a portrait painter for over thirty years painting those loyal to the House of Orange as well as a number of British visitors. His work was much admired and he was very influential in Dutch portraiture. MIJTENS (MEYTENS, MYTENS): Dutch family of painters of Flemish origin. The earliest known artist of this family was Aert Mijtens (1541-1602) a history and portrait painter.

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