

**SA485081**

**Portrait of a Lady c.1700, by Michael Dahl.**

Price

**Sold**

**Item Reference: SA485081**

**Date of manufacture: 1700**

Dimensions

Height = 96 cm (37.8")

Width = 84 cm (33.1")

Depth = 6 cm (2.4")

## Description

Oil on canvas in a good quality period carved giltwood frame. This fine portrait of an attractive young lady is typical of Dahl's sensitive and gentle portraits of a woman. She wears none of the fashionable accoutrements of her rank...the usual fashionable pearl ear pendants and necklace are absent. She looks thoughtfully out at the viewer, unlike the swagger and confidence depicted in most portraits of the period here Dahl suggests an innocence and vulnerability, with the wistfully turned head imparting a sense of movement. In terms of both draughtmanship and pose Dahl's female portraits are noticeably softer and gentler than Kneller's, and thus allow for a greater versatility in the expression of feminine beauty. Dahl's works are frequently distinguished by a harder and more rigorous attention to the character of the sitter than those of his rivals, and he particularly allowed a softer aspect to the surfaces of his sitter's costume and drapery. MICHAEL DAHL (1659 - 1743). Dahl was a painter of exceptional talent and regarded as the only really serious rival to Sir Godfrey Kneller, for royal patronage, during the years 1690-1714. Dahl's patterns were undoubtedly ind...

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