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After Sir Joshua Reynolds, PRA
FRS FRSA, 1723-1792
Portrait of Dr Samuel Johnson
1709 - 1784

Price

GBP 2,200

| USD \$2,977 | EUR 2,574

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Date of manufacture: 18th Century

Dimensions

Height = 21 cm (8.3")

Width = 16 cm (6.3")

Description

After Sir Joshua Reynolds, PRA FRS FRSA, 1723-1792 Portrait of Dr Samuel Johnson 1709 - 1784 oil on panel 21 x 16.6 cm (8.1/4 x 6.1/2in.) after the portrait by Sir Joshua Reynolds in the Tate N00887 Literature Engraved by James Heath from the painting by Sir Joshua Reynolds. This engraving is the frontispiece to Johnson's Dictionary of the English Language, published 1 January 1799 by Longman. The dedication notes that the portrait was at this time in the possession of B Langton. James Heath also engraved a different portrait of Johnson used in an earlier Dictionary, 1791 edition. Notes Johnson, Samuel (1709–1784), author and lexicographer, was born in Breadmarket Street, Lichfield, on 7 September 1709 (after the change of calendar in 1752 he celebrated his birthday on 18 September), the first child of Michael Johnson (1657–1731) and his wife, Sarah Ford (1669–1759); later the couple had another son, Nathaniel (1712–1737), of whom little is known apart from the fact that he went into the family trade of bookselling and did not enjoy good relations with his elder brother. Samuel's birth took place in the Johnsons' home, a new four-storey house on the corner of Bre...

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