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Portrait of a Lady c.1735, Attributed to Henri Millot (c.1690-1756)

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA494090****Date of manufacture: 18th Century**

Dimensions

Height = 106 cm (41.7")

Width = 123 cm (48.4")

Depth = 8 cm (3.1")

Description

Oil on canvas in gilt and gesso period frame. This exquisite work is an accomplished example of the type of portrait in vogue in the early 18th century. Much of the beauty of this painting resides in a daring exploitation of the resonant colors of the palette. The woman's pearlescent flesh tones and pink lips are set off by a dark background and the mastery of the color combination is sublime. The sitter is Marie Anne Jacquette Pipillon de la Ferte (1714-1764). Marie Anne was the wife of Pierre Louis Baugier de Bignipont (1700-1781) and sister of Denis Pierre Papillon de la Ferte (born 1727) who was an official for Louis XV and Louis XVI. Denis died on the scaffold by guillotine in 1794. The portrait was painted at about the same time as her marriage in January 1735. The richness of the clothing and the whiteness of the skin are distinctive marks of the sitter's social status. The rich fabrics and elaborate tailoring affords the portrait a theatricality that is a close reflection of an elegant and sophisticated society in which this wealthy woman belonged to. Henri Millot was a French painter who studied under and worked with Nicholas de Largilliere (1656-1746)...

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