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PORTRAIT OF LOUISE DE LA VALLIERE; FOLLOWER OF PIERRE MIGNARD.

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA496870****Date of manufacture: 18th Century**

Dimensions

Height = 53 cm (20.9")

Width = 38 cm (15.0")

Depth = 3 cm (1.2")

Description

Oil on canvas in a giltwood frame. Based very closely on the 17th century portrait by Pierre Mignard (the only major difference being the left arm), this is an 18th century small scale portrait of one of the most famous lovers of Louis XIV. The talented unknown artist has painted this portrait with a miniaturist's skill; the detail is superb. LOUISE DE LA VALLIERE (Françoise Louise de La Baume Le Blanc; 6 August 1644 – 7 June 1710) was a mistress of Louis XIV of France from 1661 to 1667. She later became the Duchess of La Vallière and Duchess of Vaujours in her own right. Louise was born in Tours, the daughter of an officer, Laurent de La Baume Le Blanc (who took the name of La Vallière from a small estate near Amboise) and Françoise Le Provost. Laurent de La Vallière died in 1651; his widow remarried in 1655, to Jacques de Courtarvel, Marquis de Saint-Rémy, and joined the court of Gaston, Duke of Orléans, at Blois. Louise was brought up with the younger princesses (the future Grand Duchess of Tuscany, Duchess of Alençon, and Duchess of Savoy), the half-sisters of La Grande Mademoiselle. After the death of Gaston, Duke of Orléans, his widow moved with her daughters to th...

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