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Portrait of Frederick of Bohemia (The Winter King) c.1620; After Gerrit van Honthorst.

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA507927****Date of manufacture: 17th Century**

Dimensions

Height = 79 cm (31.1")

Width = 66 cm (26.0")

Depth = 5 cm (2.0")

Description

Oil on panel in a reproduction frame of correct type. This rather soulful image of Frederick was originally painted by van Honthorst and many copies were made by his studio and others to satisfy the demand for this image. FREDERICK V (1596 – 1632) was the Elector Palatine of the Rhine in the Holy Roman Empire from 1610 to 1623, and served as King of Bohemia from 1619 to 1620. He was forced to abdicate both roles, and the brevity of his reign in Bohemia earned him the nickname of "the Winter King". Frederick was the son of Frederick IV and of Louise Juliana of Orange-Nassau, the daughter of William the Silent and Charlotte de Bourbon-Montpensier, he succeeded his father as Prince-Elector of the Rhenish Palatinate in 1610. In 1612 Frederick married Elizabeth Stuart, daughter of James I of England and VI of Scotland. Shortly before the ceremony, Frederick was inducted into the Order of the Garter and he wore the Order's chain during the wedding ceremony. He wears the medal on a sash in this portrait. In 1618 the largely Protestant Estates of Bohemia rebelled against their Catholic King Ferdinand, triggering the outbreak of the Thirty Years' War. Frederick was asked to a...

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