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Portrait of Anne, Lady Wigram
(1794-1844) c.1818; Thomas
Barber (c.1768-1843)

Price

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Item Reference: SA522500

Date of manufacture: 19th Century

Dimensions

Height = 100 cm (39.4")

Width = 87 cm (34.3")

Depth = 10 cm (3.9")

Description

An exquisite portrait of Anne Wigram (nee Arkwright) wearing a pink dress and pink flowers in her hair. Highly decorative, as much attention is paid to the apparel as the facial features. The fabrics and the flesh are defined with lightness and dexterity. The style and influence of Thomas Lawrence whom the artist trained under is evident and the clear fresh palette, bright eyes, and rendering are beautiful. Ann was the younger daughter of the richest British man from the bourgeoisie at the time, Richard Arkwright Jr. of Willersley Castle, Derbyshire (1775-1843). Her grandfather, Sir Richard Arkwright of Preston (1732-1792) was the first of the 'cotton kings' and one of the giants of the Industrial Revolution. He patented the water frame, a roller-spinning machine powered by water, that turned textile spinning into a factory industry and in so doing he developed a major industrial empire. He is acknowledged as the founder of the modern factory system. Anne's father, Richard Jr. further developed the factory system and became immensely wealthy. When he died his vast fortune amounted to over three million pounds. Anne married the Rt. Hon. Sir James Wigram (1791-184...

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