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Portrait of a Diamond Merchant c.1620; Studio or Circle of Cornelis van der Voort.

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA534885****Date of manufacture: 17th Century**

Dimensions

Height = 143 cm (56.3")

Width = 111 cm (43.7")

Depth = 4 cm (1.6")

Description

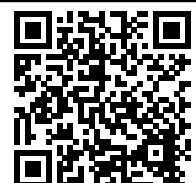
Oil on panel, the back skilfully and expensively 'cradled', in an appropriate frame. This is a superb portrait from the Dutch Golden Age of painting; fine quality and with a very real sense of the sitter's personality and strength of character. The sitter, a diamond merchant, looks out with confidence...almost challengingly. His right hand, holding tweezers, rests on a table upon which sits a small collection of diamonds; he also wears a gold ring with a large stone set in it. CORNELIS VAN DER VOORT or van der Voorde (Antwerp 1576 - Amsterdam 1624) flourished as a portrait painter in Amsterdam from around 1614 to his death in 1624. This painting is an excellent example of his portraits popular with wealthy Dutch burghers and merchants. The sitter is soberly but richly dressed in a black garment trimmed with fashionable and expensive reticella lace and a starched millstone ruff. Clothes and accessories were of enormous importance. Often immense sums were spent on them, and sitters were justifiably proud and anxious to show them off. Their clothes and accessories also carried strong social connotations. The artist invests the portrait with great dignity. He subtly evoke...

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