

SA565019

Portrait of a Gentleman Dated 1683, Attributed to Jan de Baen (1633-1702)

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA565019****Date of manufacture: 17th Century**

Dimensions

Height = 159 cm (62.6")

Width = 129 cm (50.8")

Depth = 10 cm (3.9")

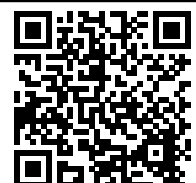
Description

In this methodically composed and exceptionally well executed portrait, a gentleman is standing beside a table with books and through the window in the background is a landscape with a broody sky. An inscription states that the subject was aged 43 when the portrait was painted in 1683. The gentleman is said to be Dodo von Innhausen und Knyphausen (1641–1698) who was a German nobleman from the Duchy of Prussia in the service of Brandenburg-Prussia during the reigns of Electors Frederick William and Frederick III. The swag of curtain suggests wealth and the books on the table could symbolise his profession of Privy Councilor under the Elector Frederick William, a position held since April 1683. It is likely that this grand scale portrait was painted to celebrate this event. The sitter wears an immensely expensive full wig and a Japanese rok which was a type of banyan. These garments were commonly worn indoors (sometimes called an Indian or Persian gown due to their Eastern origin and Oriental cut) when visitors were met. Although very comfortable they were highly respectable and quite splendid (often made from brocades, velvets and silks, with elegant masses of fabri...

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