

SA584280

John Russell, RA, 1745-1806 Portrait of a Young Boy

Price

GBP 3,000

| USD \$4,060 | EUR 3,510

Item Reference: SA584280**Date of manufacture: 18th Century**

Dimensions

Height = 51 cm (20.1")

Width = 38 cm (15.0")

Depth = 2 cm (0.8")

Description

John Russell, RA, 1745-1806 Portrait of a Young Boy Signed/Inscribed: on a label on the reverse oil on canvas 20 x 15in. (51 x 38 cm.) John Russell, (1745–1806), portrait painter and astronomer, was born on 29 March 1745 at 32 High Street, Guildford, the second child of John Russell (1711–1804), book- and printseller, five times mayor of Guildford, and an artist himself (his Prospects of Guildford were engraved and published in 1759 and 1782), and his wife, Ann Parvish (1719–1775). John Russell was baptized in the ruins of Holy Trinity Church, Guildford, and educated at the local grammar school before winning premiums at the Society of Arts in 1759 and 1760. He was then apprenticed to the painter Francis Cotes, who became a friend and mentor, and painted a miniature of his promising pupil. This happy relationship was frequently endangered by Russell's religious 'conversion', which began with an entry on the title-page of his diary, decorated with a stony desert and a view of Golgotha in the background: 'John Russell converted September 30, 1764, aetat. 19, at about half an hour after seven in the evening' (Russell). This prompted an evangelical ardour. For example, wh...

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