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Portrait of Louise Françoise,
Duchess of Bourbon c.1690;
Circle of Pierre Gobert
(1662-1744)

Price

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Item Reference: SA584431

Date of manufacture: 17th Century

Dimensions

Height = 52 cm (20.5")

Width = 43 cm (16.9")

Depth = 5 cm (2.0")

Description

Portrait of Louise Françoise, Duchess of Bourbon c.1690 Circle of Pierre Gobert (1662-1744) Presented in an exquisite 17th century gilded frame, carved with acorns and foliage, this striking example of court portraiture is a vibrant example of a young royal, successfully capturing both her regality and childhood candour. Louise Françoise de Bourbon, Duchess of Bourbon (1673-1743) was the eldest surviving legitimised daughter of Louis XIV of France. She was a renowned beauty and had an ability to please everyone she met. Gobert enjoyed a pleasant monopoly of painting courtly and aristocratic ladies comprising a distinguishable style of ideal beauty at the time. The birth of Louise Françoise de Bourbon took place not at a royal residence or glittering château. Instead, Louise Françoise was born in Tournai where her parents were on a military tour. The little girl was the illegitimate daughter of Louis XIV and Madame de Montespan. Louise Françoise was placed in the care of the then rather unknown Madame Scarron (the later Madame de Maintenon). When she was just six months old her prospects were greatly improved when her father decided to legitimise his children by his m...

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