

SA606100

Portrait of a Young Boy 1692; Follower of Largilliere.

Price

GBP 4,950

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Item Reference: SA606100

Date of manufacture: 17th century

Dimensions

Height = 90 cm (35.4")

Width = 73.5 cm (28.9")

Depth = 5 cm (2.0")

Description

Oil on canvas in a period frame. Inscribed "ATAT SUAE 4. ANNO DNI 1692" (At his age of 4, in the Year of our Lord 1692). This is a portrait of great charm; the young sitter is depicted within a fashionable feigned oval, unusually, his hand is shown resting upon it....almost like a trompe l'oeil. He wears the clothing of a member of the gentry and has the air of confidence thought befitting for one of his class. He still wears a skirt at this age, boys were not 'breeched' until the age of 6 or 7 and this was an important event, marking his progress towards adulthood. The artist was probably provincial but aware of the extremely fashionable artist Nicholas de Largilliere (1656-1746). SIZE: 35.5 x 29 inches. PROVENANCE: Spanish country house, part of a family collection acquired over several generations, which has remained untouched in the hills of Andalusia for the past 50 years. The final image shows the verso of the canvas before conservation.

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