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Portrait of the Duchess of Brunswick-Wolfenbüttel (1715-1797) c.1730; Circle of Antoine Pesne (1683-1757)

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA692657****Date of manufacture: 18th Century**

Dimensions

Height = 51 cm (20.1")

Width = 42 cm (16.5")

Depth = 4 cm (1.6")

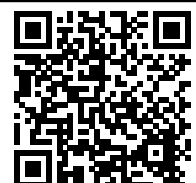
Description

In this exquisite portrait the sitter is traditionally known as Elisabeth Christine of Brunswick-Wolfenbüttel-Bevern, later the longest serving queen of Prussia. Elisabeth Christine was born on 8 November 1715, the daughter of Duke Ferdinand Albert II of Brunswick-Wolfenbüttel and Duchess Antoinette of Brunswick-Wolfenbüttel. By birth, she was a Duchess of Brunswick-Wolfenbüttel. This portrait was painted just prior to 1733, when Crown Prince Frederick of Prussia was ordered by his father to marry Elisabeth Christine. As a result of this forced marriage, Frederick was resentful from the beginning. Initially, Frederick was garrisoned in Ruppín while Elisabeth Christina lived in Berlin at court, later they lived at Rheinsberg. When her father-in-law died in 1740, and she and Frederick became King and Queen of Prussia, he no longer needed her influence and they lived separate lives and only met at official functions; she was never invited to Potsdam, nor did she accompany him on his travels. The Berlin court was without its King, it was left to Elisabeth Christina, the Queen Dowager, Sophia Dorothea of Hanover, and Frederick's siblings. Frederick despised the court rou...

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