

**SA699342**

**Portrait of Mary Dopping  
c.1700, by Michael Dahl.**

Price

**Sold**

**Item Reference: SA699342**

**Date of manufacture: 1700**

Dimensions

Height = 94 cm (37.0")

Width = 81 cm (31.9")

Depth = 5 cm (2.0")

## Description

Oil on canvas in a gilt 19th century frame. This portrait is a fine example of the artist's eloquent depiction of aristocratic women. In terms of both draughtmanship and pose Dahl's female portraits are noticeably softer and gentler than Kneller's, and thus allow for a greater versatility in the expression of feminine beauty. Dahl's works are frequently distinguished by a greater attention to the character of the sitter than those of his rivals, and he particularly allowed a softer aspect to the surfaces of his sitter's costume and drapery. His colours are silvered and luminous, and there is a great charm and sensitivity in the overall expression of the sitter. In this example, the drapery and sitter's turned head impart a subtle sense of movement. She wears the fashionable 'undress' and her hair is tied with blue silk ribbons. This painting is absolutely typical of Dahl's highly skilled sensitive portraiture and is of great quality, allowing one to gain an insight into the character of the sitter; here the sitter looks out at the viewer with a quiet and intelligent good humour, with just a hint of seductiveness in her eyes...in every way this is a superb portrait. MARY...

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