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**Portrait of Margaret of Austria,
Queen of Spain & Portugal
c.1607; Workshop of Juan
Pantoja de la Cruz (1553-1608)**

Price

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Item Reference: SA738853

Date of manufacture: 17th Century

Dimensions

Height = 79 cm (31.1")

Width = 67 cm (26.4")

Depth = 5 cm (2.0")

Description

Portrait of Margaret of Austria, Queen of Spain and Portugal (1584-1611) This exquisite painting follows in the tradition of Spanish royal portraits and was designed to convey an image of courtly majesty. The portrait, by the workshop of the leading court portraitist Pantoja de la Cruz (1553-1608), depicts Margaret of Austria (1584-1611), Queen consort of Spain and Portugal by her marriage to King Philip III. The queen is depicted as immutable and inscrutable, somehow hidden behind her extraordinary dress and the enormous ruff collar that isolates and highlights her illuminated visage. She wears the spectacular 'Joyel Rico' which is one of the most famous jewels in history. With origins from the 16th century it consists of the El Estanque table-cut diamond and from it hangs the La Peregrina pearl given to Mary I of England (1516-1558) by Phillip II as an engagement gift but returned to the Spanish crown on her death. Margaret married Philip III in 1599 after Philip II chose her from among the women of the Austria-Styria family. The marriage was planned to coincide with that of infanta Isabel Clara Eugenia and archduke Albert. Margaret was born in 1584 and when she a...

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