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Portrait of a Young Lady in an Interior with a Pet Dog
c.1650-60; Circle of Jan Weesop (fl 1640–1653)

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA772620****Date of manufacture: 17th Century**

Dimensions

Height = 183 cm (72.0")

Width = 141 cm (55.5")

Depth = 7 cm (2.8")

Description

This exquisite full-length portrait, painted circa 1650 to 1660, depicts a girl about twelve years old standing in an interior beside a table covered with crimson material bordered with gold. It is a truly majestic scene painted on a grand scale. The wealth of this girl is apparent and evident in the extraordinary textiles on display – the expensive lace, the dress with its gold and silver detail, and the crimson tablecloth and canopy. Her social background and status in society is further underlined by the whiteness of her skin, the inclusion of the fortified mansion visible through the window, which is perhaps her family estate, and the abundance of jewelery - the expensive pearls around her neck and wrists as matching bracelets, earrings, and her hair was also considered the perfect accompaniment to any outfit. The largest jewel is the diamond brooch and it was almost always pinned on the front of bodice, as we see in our portrait. The diamond ring on her left finger signifies her engagement; even at the tender age of twelve, during this period a girl is always a potential bride. The left facing stance, suggests that the portrait probably served as a pendant to...

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