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Portrait of a Gentleman holding
a Pair of Gloves c.1630-45;
Attributed to Huygh Pietersz.
Voskuyl (1591-1665)

Price

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Item Reference: SA779597

Date of manufacture: 17th Century

Dimensions

Height = 134 cm (52.8")

Width = 115 cm (45.3")

Depth = 10 cm (3.9")

Description

This luxurious work represents the epitome of the Dutch Golden Age portrait. Painted circa 1630-45 it is a good example of the artist's work, of which is rarely available on the market. This impressive large-scale portrait is a rare example from the Dutch painter Huygh Pietersz. Voskuyl (1591-1665). Not many works It was painted during one of the most prolific periods of art history – the Dutch Golden Age. During this period the gentlefolk favoured having themselves portrayed life sized and full length. Having to look up at their faces, the viewer is forced to acknowledge their authority and prosperity. This artist has carried out their mission with bravura. The expensive attire portrayed is that of a successful merchant or burgher. His black attire may not look ostentatious, but in fact black dye was the costliest pigment at the time. It was therefore reserved only for the most formal occasions. Black attire as seen in portraiture of this period came in many forms and clothing was often intricately detailed and had various sumptuous fabrics often contrasting with each other and with all manner of designs and patterns. Artists strove to depict the subtle nuances ...

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