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**SOLD....Portrait of Mary,
Queen of Scots, Manner of
Federico Zuccaro.**

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Description

Oil on canvas in a 17th century Italian ebonised and parcel gilt frame with gold lettering 'Mary Queen of Scots. Zuccaro'. To the left of the sitter the faint inscription 'A.D. 1561. Aetatis 19'. This beautiful portrait is in the manner of Federico Zuccaro, in it the queen wears magnificent jewels and a gold and silver encrusted dress to emphasise her royalty, wealth and power. The quality of the painting of this opulence is superb, and contrasts perfectly with the sensitive depiction of the sitter's youthful face. This image dates from the late 17th or early 18th century when, after the Stuarts came to power with the accession of Mary's son James I, a process of history rewriting took place. Mary had been called an adulteress and traitor by the English and was beheaded for plotting to assassinate her cousin Elizabeth I, but under the Stuarts she was presented as a beautiful and religious princess unjustly executed for her Catholic faith. All through the 17th c (and later) portraits of Mary were created; this one shows her, rather idealised, at the age of 19 in 1561 when she returned to Scotland after the death of her husband King Francis II of France. MARY, QUE...

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