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Portrait of a Lady c.1692;
Attributed to Jan van der Vaart
(1647-1727), oil on canvas

Price

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Item Reference: SA785497

Date of manufacture: 17th Century

Dimensions

Height = 131 cm (51.6")

Width = 106 cm (41.7")

Depth = 6 cm (2.4")

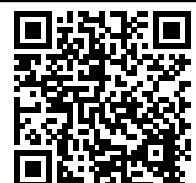
Description

In this magnificent three quarter-length portrait the artist has set the figure before a rich crimson draped curtain and a colonnade visible immediately behind. The sitter is wearing a russet silk dress and an elaborate azure wrap with silver lining which swirls around and encapsulates her body. The treatment of the needle lace is exemplary and the artist has achieved a high degree of realism. The technique of which relates to portraits by Jan van der Vaart who was notable for his drapery painting and also in that he took over the studio of William Wissing after the latter's death in 1687. She strikes a dramatic pose with one hand lightly grasping the blue wrap whilst the other gently tussles her long hair; she has been depicted as both confident and alluring. At first sight it appears to be a straightforward portrait of a woman dressed in fashionable clothing, however, there are several messages conveyed. The direct gaze and the way in which she caresses her long hair is a gesture linked with Renaissance depictions of Venus (and virgins and brides) as she is engaged in her private toilette. In the seventeenth century (and still today) paintings by Titian and his fol...

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