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Portrait of a Lady Holding a
Lemon with Landscape Beyond
c.1640, Antique oil on canvas;
Circle of Edward Bower
(1597-1667)

Price

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Item Reference: SA790734

Date of manufacture: 17th Century

Dimensions

Height = 124 cm (48.8")

Width = 105 cm (41.3")

Depth = 6 cm (2.4")

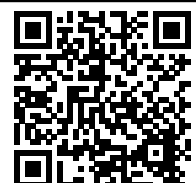
Description

This striking portrait painted circa 1640, is notable for both its excellent quality and its excellent state of preservation. It is a sublime example of mid-seventeenth century English portraiture. It depicts a lady wearing a dazzling costume with black material contrasting with crisp white lace collar and cuffs and a beautiful silk stomacher. The sitter is depicted on a porch before a classical column, with a rich brocade curtain on the side, and a view of a church amongst a landscape in the background. The intention to portray wealth in this portrait is clear; she is wearing a fortune in jewels - diamond earrings, multiple huge black uncut diamond and gold brooches, and pearls in her necklace and hair. The lemon in her right hand was a highly exotic item and in art it symbolised longevity, purification, love, friendship, and other times bitterness and disappointment. Black was one of the most expensive colours to make and maintain and was thus reserved for the most formal occasions (including having one's portrait painted). Black was often worn and was never dull (there were at least fifty shades of black in the seventeenth century). Here, its pictorial potenti...

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