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Portrait of Louis XIV as a Child c. 1668; Studio or Circle of Beaubrun.

Price

GBP 6,950

| USD \$9,405 | EUR 8,132

Item Reference: SA835011**Date of manufacture: 16th Century**

Dimensions

Height = 81 cm (31.9")

Width = 70 cm (27.6")

Depth = 5 cm (2.0")

Description

Oil on canvas in a period carved and giltwood frame. Louis was born on 5 September 1638 at St Germain-en-Laye. He became king at the age of four on the death of his father, Louis XIII. While Louis was a child, his mother, Anne of Austria, served as regent, assisted by Louis XIII's chief minister, Cardinal Mazarin. Louis's early years were marked by a series of rebellions against his mother and Mazarin, which were known as the 'Fronde'. These created in him a lifelong fear of rebellion, and a dislike of Paris, prompting him to spend more and more time in Versailles, southwest of Paris. In 1660, he married Maria Theresa, daughter of Philip IV of Spain. When Mazarin died in 1661, the 23-year-old Louis decided to rule without a chief minister. He regarded himself as an absolute monarch, with his power coming directly from God. He carefully cultivated his image and took the sun as his emblem, and was known as The Sun King. Between 1661 and 1689, he built a magnificent palace at Versailles and moved his government there from Paris in 1682. In the early part of his reign, Louis worked with his finance minister, Jean-Baptiste Colbert, to tighten central control over the country, ...

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