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Portrait of Diana Connell c.1948-50, by John Gilroy.

Price

GBP 3,950

| USD \$5,345 | EUR 4,622

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Date of manufacture: 1950

Dimensions

Height = 119 cm (46.9")

Width = 94 cm (37.0")

Depth = 7 cm (2.8")

Description

Oil on canvas in the original frame. Signed, lower right 'Gilroy'. The attractive young sitter, Diana Connell, smiling and looking confidently to her right, is dressed for an evening function. The portrait is painted, as was often the fashion at this time, on a rather coarse canvas, giving an added texture to the painting. The frame is the original one and the canvas remains unlined; a clean and re-varnish was all that was necessary to bring these glowing colours back to life. This is an excellent portrait and fully redolent of its time .. the Second World War was over and people, especially the young, looked forward to a brighter and better time. JOHN THOMAS YOUNG GILROY (30 May 1898 – 11 April 1985) was an English artist, portraitist and illustrator, best known for his advertising posters for Guinness, the Irish stout. He signed many of his works, simply, "Gilroy". Born in Whitley Bay, Northumberland, England, Gilroy attended Durham University until his studies were interrupted by World War I, during which he served with the Royal Field Artillery. He resumed studying at the Royal College of Art in London, where he remained as a teacher. He taught at Camberwell College...

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