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Portrait of Ferdinando de' Medici as a child, After Justus Sustermans.

Price

GBP 1,985

| USD \$2,706 | EUR 2,316

Item Reference: SA851422

Date of manufacture: 1920

Dimensions

Height = 91.5 cm (36.0")

Width = 77 cm (30.3")

Depth = 5 cm (2.0")

Description

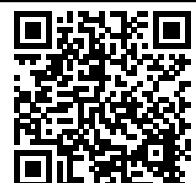
Oil on canvas in the original frame. This is a very fine copy of the original in the Pitti Palace, Florence. It is in excellent condition and unlined. An inscription verso (Image 4) declares that it was painted by Socrate Butazzi in 1925, and that the finished painting was inspected, officially stamped and signed off by a Palace official as being an accurate and good copy. It will be noted that in 1925 the painting was called 'Portrait of an Unknown Young Boy'. Later research proved it to be a portrait of Ferdinando de' Medici painted c.1667, and it has been listed as such for decades. FERDINAND DE' MEDICI, GRAND PRINCE OF TUSCANY (1610-1681) later Grand Duke of Tuscany from 1621-70 and the son of Duke Cosimo II de' Medici and Maria Maddalena of Austria. The Medici were a powerful and influential Florentine family who became rulers of Tuscany from the sixteenth to eighteenth centuries. Three Popes came from the family along with a line of important rulers, most notably Lorenzo the Magnificent (1449-1492), patron of some of the greatest artists of the Renaissance, including Sandro Botticelli and Michelangelo. Like his father, Ferdinando was a patron of Galileo Galilei, on...

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