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Portrait of John Hewley Baines,
Signed & Dated 1697; John
Verelst (1648-1734), Antique
oil on canvas painting

Price

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Item Reference: SA860435

Date of manufacture: 17th Century

Dimensions

Height = 118 cm (46.5")

Width = 94 cm (37.0")

Depth = 5 cm (2.0")

Description

In this charming large portrait, a young gentleman has been depicted holding a baton with a red ribbon in an outdoor setting. The style of portrait was popular in England and the pose was somewhat of an accepted standard for an upper-class English gentleman at the time. By tradition the sitter is known as John Hewely Baines (1693-1760) and this is annotated on a presentation label on the frame. The artist has portrayed the sitter looking a little older. The Hewley family and the Baines family had resided in Wistow from about the 14th century. From the 1660s Sir John Hewley (born in Wistow in 1619, died c.1695), lawyer of Gray's Inn (admitted in 1638) and Whig MP for Pontefract and also York, began buying land at Naburn and in 1662 he purchased the Bell estate. The property had been in the York families of Bell and North and he demolished their earlier mansion house in 1679 to erect a new Bell Hall, just 500 yards from the River Ouse. Sir John was a puritan, but at the Restoration, like his fellow townsman, Lord Fairfax, and General Monk, a Royalist and his house asserts that fact. Nonconformist in religion, he may have done this to get around the law that preven...

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