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Portrait of a Gentleman Holding Gloves c.1723; By Michael Dahl (1659-1743), Antique oil on canvas painting

Price

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Item Reference: SA887283

Date of manufacture: 18th Century

Dimensions

Height = 148 cm (58.3")

Width = 122 cm (48.0")

Depth = 6 cm (2.4")

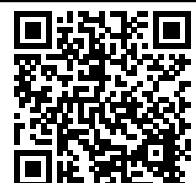
Description

This striking large-scale portrait by Michael Dahl, one of the foremost painters in England at the time is noteworthy both in its quality and its remarkable state of preservation. Having not undergone a lining process (or requirement for one) for an item of this age and size is rare. It is an exquisite example of the English 18th century Grand Manner portrait. The sitter is portrayed in a standard gentlemanly pose for the period but it is striking in its study of the sitter's attitude and in the graceful and natural manner of certain elements. There are many exquisite elements, for example the cuffs, which have been rendered in a free and florid style and are very painterly. The portrait is the work of Michael Dahl and it can be dated to circa 1723 based on the sitter's costume and hair. Dahl used this precise pattern for another portrait (Sotheby's sale 28th Feb 1990 lot 219, catalogued as by Michael Dahl). The clothing also appears replicated and this indicates that they might not have been the sitter's own clothes. It was a common practice at the time for artists to reuse a pose if they found it successful and sitters were able to choose amongst a series of patte...

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