

**SA914361**

Portrait traditionally called Lady Arabella Stuart, 18th century.

Price

**Sold**

**Item Reference: SA914361**

**Date of manufacture: 18th Century**

Dimensions

Height = 33 cm (13.0")

Width = 28 cm (11.0")

Depth = 5 cm (2.0")

## Description

Small oil on panel, 18th century in the Elizabethan manner, in an elaborate gilt frame. Verso an old label states the sitter is Arabella Stuart. This is a fine portrait painted with great skill; in its elaborate frame it has a rich, jewel-like quality .. very appropriate for the Elizabethan period. ARABELLA STUART, LADY LENNOX (1575-1615), was the daughter of Charles Stuart, Earl of Lennox, younger brother of Lord Darnley. This earl was, through his mother, the grandson of Margaret, the eldest sister of Henry VIII, by her second husband, Archibald Douglas, Earl of Angus. Arabella stood in the line of succession to the English throne next to her first cousin James. When Elizabeth's age made a speedy vacancy probable, there were some persons in England who argued that her title was preferable even to that of James, as she was born on English soil, whereas he, being an alien, and therefore disqualified for possessing land in England, was also disqualified for wearing the crown. A little before Elizabeth's death Arabella was arrested by the queen's orders in consequence of a rumour that a marriage was planned between her and William Seymour, the grandson of Catherine Grey, t...

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