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French Portrait of a Gentleman
c.1750; Circle of Michel
Hubert-Descours (1707-1775),
Antique oil on canvas painting

Price

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Item Reference: SA951156

Date of manufacture: 18th Century

Dimensions

Height = 76 cm (29.9")

Width = 67 cm (26.4")

Depth = 7 cm (2.8")

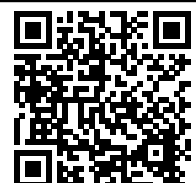
Description

This portrait testifies to the elegance and self-confidence of the Louis XV period. Beautifully rendered, it depicts a charismatic young gentleman wearing a blue coat with large button, a fine embroidered waistcoat, stock, and a lace frill down the front of his shirt. The powdered wig is tied in the back with a large queue. France greatly excelled in the arts during the 18th century, producing some of the highest quality and most sought after works. Michel Hubert-Descours was one of the few French portrait painters who, despite not working in Paris, was able to achieve huge regional importance. For the entirety of his career Descours worked as an independent portrait painter in the small town of Bernay and yet was one of the best French portrait painters of the middle of the 18th century. Praised highly by his teacher, Hyacinthe Rigaud, in whose workshop he was active between 1731 and 1745. He returned to his hometown in the 1740s, where, preceded by a good reputation, he quickly obtained a successful practice receiving commissions from around Europe (portraits by the artist are to be found in Dresden and Potsdam) from the elite and local notable citizens. He showe...

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